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INDICTED IN FIRE

Grand Jury at Atlanta Accuses Three Winecoff Hotel Owners of Culpability in Deaths.

A "FIRE TRAP" IS CHARGED

Three Counts of Involuntary Manslaughter Returned by Fulton County Probers.

CITE NO FIRE ESCAPES

Indictment Says Defendants Well Knew Lives of Guests Might Be Endangered.

Atlanta, Dec. 23. (AP)

—A Fulton County grand jury investigating the disastrous Winecoff hotel fire, which claimed 119 lives December 7, today indicted the lessees of the hotel on three counts of involuntary manslaughter and accused them of operating a "fire trap."

A. F. Andrews, Fulton County solicitor, said indictments were returned against A. F. Geele, sr., and A. E. Geele, jr., of Sheboygan, Wis., and R. E. O'Connell, Chicago detective, who have been operating the downtown hotel since 1934.

On Three Counts.

The three were each indicted on one felony count of involuntary manslaughter in the death of J. R. Moody of Arlington, Ga., and two misdemeanor counts in the deaths of Dr. Carl C. Rasmussen of Des Moines, Ia., and Miss Virginia Torbert of Thomaston, Ga.

The indictments said that the three men "wilfully and wantonly engaged" in the operation of a hotel which had no outside fire escapes, "well knowing that the probable consequences might endanger the lives of guests."

A special agent for the national board of fire underwriters told the grand jury that the rapid spread of flames indicated the work of a skilled arsonist.

Charles M. Hugley, who has been investigating the blaze ever since 119 persons lost their lives in the conflagration, told the grand jury that a veteran arsonist may have laid a thin trail of gasoline from floor to floor, causing the fire to spread beyond control.

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THE WEATHER—COLDER.

12 midnight	48°	8 a. m.	41°
2 a. m.	46°	9 a. m.	42°
4 a. m.	45°	10 a. m.	42°
5 a. m.	45°	11 a. m.	41°
6 a. m.	43°	noon	41°
7 a. m.	40°	2 p. m.	43°
8 a. m.	41°		

The Forecast—Kansas City and Vicinity: Clearing and colder tonight, low in middle 20s. High tomorrow in middle 40s.

Relative humidity 6:30 a. m., 71 per cent; 1:30 p. m., 24 per cent. Barometer reading, 6:30 a. m., 30.15 inches, rising; 1:30 p. m., 30.21 inches.

River stage today, 3.0 feet; fall of .06 of a foot. Lake of the Ozarks, 6:30 a. m., 3.2 feet below full reservoir. Precipitation in twenty-four hours ending 6:30 a. m., none.

FILES FOR 20 MILLION.

U. A. W. Makes Portal Pay Claims on G. M. and Briggs.

DETROIT, Dec. 23. (UP)—The C. I. O. United Automobile Workers union today filed suits in federal court here seeking recovery of 20 million dollars it claims is due employees of General Motors corporation and the Briggs Manufacturing company in retroactive portal-to-portal pay.

HAS FARM, NOW NEEDS WIFE.

Tule Lake Homestead Winner Is Beginning to Look Around.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23. (AP)—Get ready, girls at Tule Lake. John P. O'Sullivan is coming courting.

One of four San Francisco winners in the Tule Lake, Calif., homestead drawing, the 41-year-old bachelor is looking for a wife to go with his newly acquired farm.

"I'll have to marry right away, of course," he beamed. "He said he had worked in the Tule region as a farmhand for fifteen years, after coming over from Ireland in 1926, and knows several Tule Lake girls who would make fine wives, but 'no one in particular.'

NEW SUGAR STAMP JAN. 1.

OPA Predicts a Second Ration Before No. 53 Expires April 30.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23. (AP)—OPA today spare stamp No. 53 will be good for five pounds of sugar beginning January 1 and added an additional ration may become available within four months.

"It is anticipated," the agency said, "that the second consumer stamp for 1947 will be validated before stamp 53 expires" April 30.

OPA pointed to Agriculture department estimates that the new sugar crop may be sufficiently large to allow an additional five pounds of sugar a person in 1947. This would make a total of twenty pounds on regular ration stamps.

Three regular stamps were valid during 1946, allowing a total of fifteen pounds a person, in addition to two home canning stamps good for five pounds each.

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SPAIN RECALLS AN ENVOY.

Ambassador to London Is Ordered to Vacate His Post.

LONDON, Dec. 23. (AP)—Domingo de las Barcas, Spanish ambassador, has been recalled to Madrid and will be leaving his London post soon, the Spanish embassy announced officially today.

The announcement followed a British forece statement that Ambassador Sir Victor Mallet has been instructed to vacate his post in Madrid in accordance with the United Nations resolutions on Spain.

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A CAR DEBUT SET

Fairfax General Motors Plant Will Begin 1947 Model Output by January 15.

OFF WORK TWO WEEKS

Layoff for Employees Required in Order to Complete Reconstruction Arrangements.

First Buick, Pontiac and Oldsmobile Vehicles to Dealers in This Area.

As Last-Minute Yule Gift, Navy Offers Mooring Masts.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23. (AP)—A unique opportunity for persons with a desire for strong attachments is offered by the War Assets administration which is willing to part with forty-three surplus mobile mooring masts.

There are three types available, at prices ranging from \$240 to \$1,000 each. They can be seen at ten naval air stations around the country and desperate last-minute Christmas shoppers can order by mail.

U.S. SHIP BARRED

Russian Commander at Dairen, Manchuria, Gives Verbal Ultimatum to Vessel.

VISIT TO HARBOR IS BRIEF

LC-3 Pulls Out After "Twenty Minutes" Edict—On Diplomatic Mission.

ENTRY DENIED TO THREE

Americans Unable to Go Ashore—Yank Officials Snubbed by Red General.

BY WILLIAM H. NEWTON.
(Representing the Combined World Press.)

Dairen, Manchuria, Dec. 20. (Delayed). (AP)

—A United States navy ship pulled out of the port of Dairen this afternoon after receiving a verbal ultimatum from Russian military officials to the effect that "unless you leave within twenty minutes we will not be responsible for the consequences."

Previously, the Russian military commander in charge of the city had refused to permit an American businessman with full clearance from U. S. authorities to debark.

In a letter to Dr. Karl T. Compton, chairman of President Truman's newly created advisory commission on universal training, the Colorado Democrat, a member of the Senate military committee, declared:

"Such an un-American innovation would substitute sex training and guzzling for spiritual training, and moral stagnation for the development of a healthy, wholesome, self-reliant and energetic morale."

Russians Keep Control.

Russian troops have occupied Dairen since the Japanese surrendered. Although the Chinese-Russian treaty of 1945 called for its designation as a free port under Chinese administration, Soviet forces still are in control of the city.

In Washington, the State department said it had received no report of the "verbal ultimatum" and would have no immediate comment.

The Navy department reported that a navy vessel identified as LCIL 1090 (landing craft infantry large) left Dairen December 21 (December 20, U. S. time) on a return trip to the U. S. base at Tsingtao, on the north coast of China. There was no other immediate comment from the department.

The vessel, LC-3 1090, was on a second routine courier mission to Dairen carrying diplomatic mail and supplies to the U. S. consulate.

Two Reporters Aboard.

In view

WIN DRAFT PLEAS

Two Jehovah's Witnesses' Convictions Are Thrown Out by Supreme Court.

PROPER TRIALS DENIED

Both Contended They Should Have Been Exempt, as Ministers of Gospel.

Washington, Dec. 23 (AP)—The Supreme court threw out convictions of two Jehovah's Witnesses for violating the draft law today in decisions of far-reaching importance to other conscientious objectors.

The court held the men were denied proper trials by lower courts which refused to hear evidence on contentions that draft classifications of the defendants were improper. In both cases, the convicted men contended they should be classed as ministers of the gospel exempt from the draft.

POLL TAX REVIEW DECLINED.

In other actions, the court:

1. Refused to review a voter's suit against collection of a poll tax in Tennessee. J. D. Johnson of Greene County, Tenn., who brought it, contended the tax is unconstitutional. The lower courts ruled against him.

2. Agreed to review lower court decisions that plant guards are not covered by the National Labor Relations act. The Labor Relations board appealed cases involving guards at the Jones & Laughlin Steel corporation's Otis Works, Cleveland, and guards at the E. C. Atkins & Co. plant, Indianapolis.

3. Declined to review a draft case involving the issue of what is meant by religion in that phrase of the selective service act which grants exemption to men who are conscientious objectors by reason of religious training and belief.

HAD ASKED EXEMPTION.

An interpretation of the phrase was asked by Herman Berman of Los Angeles. He was sentenced to three and one-half years' imprisonment for refusal to submit to induction. He had asked exemption as a conscientious objector but was classified 1-A.

The U. S. circuit court in San Francisco said Berman was a Socialist whose opposition to all war was based on "conscience and fundamental belief in, and devotion to, the brotherhood of all men."

In another case, the court unanimously reversed a lower court order which required the army to release two men who claimed exemption from military service on the ground they were preparing to be rabbis.

Justice Douglas delivered this opinion.

The Justice department contested the order, which called for release of Harry Horowitz and Jacob S. Samuels of New York City.

BLAME ON DRAFT BOARDS.

The order was issued by the third U. S. circuit court, which said local draft boards had improperly considered recommendations made by an advisory panel on theological classifications after studying the cases of Horowitz and Samuels. The panel was established by the New York City selective service headquarters.

Douglas said the high court "cannot presume that the (draft) board violated the regulations" in considering the recommendations of the advisory panel.

Justice Rutledge delivered the court's unanimous decisions in the cases of the Jehovah's Witnesses.

In one, George William Dodez was sentenced to five years for refusal to go to a civilian public service camp as ordered by his draft board. In the other, Taze Hamrick Gibson was sentenced to five years for leaving a camp at Hill City, S. D.

A LANDLORD USES FUMES.

Tenant Takes Liniment Spray Case Into Court.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 23 (AP)—The "battle of liniment" culminated today in assault and battery charges being filed against Sylvester Domnick, a landlord.

Kenneth Adams complained that Domnick tried to evict the Adams family of six from their 1-room apartment by squirting strong liniment into it.

Domnick lives in the same house, his apartment being separated from Adams's by a thin partition.

Adams complained that the liniment fumes drove his family from their apartment several times. He said that when he sealed up cracks in the partition, Domnick bored a hole through.

Domnick's purpose, Adams said, was to get new tenants and raise the rent \$5 a month from the present rental of \$10.

ST. LOUIS TRAM BID VOTE.

One Shift Rejects 15-Cent Offer—Day Workers Ballot Tonight.

St. Louis, Dec. 23 (INS)—Night shift street car operators and bus drivers of the St. Louis Public Service company today unanimously voted to reject the company's proposal for a 15-cent an hour wage increase.

The vote was taken at a meeting attended by 1,000 employees, who are members of the A. F. L. Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees, local 788.

Day shift workers will ballot on the proposal tonight.

The contract between the union and the company expires at midnight, December 31. The union filed a 30-day strike notice November 25.

The transit workers are demanding a 35-cent hourly increase over present rates of \$1.05 an hour.

Negotiators have been unable to reach an agreement on the wage question. Federal conciliators have asked that the negotiations be resumed tomorrow, as all the workers reject the company's proposal.

BLINDED YOUTH RESTS WELL.

Operation for John Baima After Infection Danger Passes.

John Baima, 20-year-old Pittsburgh, Pa., youth, who lost the sight of both eyes in the explosion of a dynamite cap Thursday, was resting "fairly well" today at the University of Kansas hospital. Physicians will attempt a delicate operation which may restore his vision as soon as the danger from infection passes.

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It Happened in Kansas City.

WITH the war over, Kansas City's better dressed dogs are clothes conscious, but not always is master or mistress to blame if Spooky emerges from the holidays in the same sad worn boots.

Mrs. Betty Kneale was a willing, if not enthusiastic, waiting-to-be-waited-on customer for fifty minutes at one of the city's most popular dog departments. And only to find that the stock as of yesterday did not contain Spooky's size in dog boots. The black cocker wears a size 3 in a boot that laces up the very high beam indeed!

Young Mrs. Kneale, who modeled clothes at Adier's before she became a mortgage loan cashier at the City Bond and Mortgage company, carries her ideas of correct garb into Spooky's world.

Spooky has a dressy best coat, black wool with red binding, but needs a new rain coat, a \$2.50 item. But plaid rain coats of the size were not available. Mrs. Kneale did obtain a green sweater for a mere post-war dollar . . . Well, Spooky's here hoping for fuller stocks, come Easter!

Daniel Heuman is a 1-man serfader this holiday week, having acquired accordion proficiency in a single month . . . Heuman says the success of his business, Dan's Spring Works, in stride, but "Sweet Night" on the accordion was something for the City National Bank and Trust company to hear.

To Robert Hermanson, traffic and safety clerk, came a call from Citizen Walter R. Ashton on the 2-job man.

IN GAY ADIEU TO REEVES ADMITS HE SLEW WIFE

ROMANY ROAD NEIGHBORS FETE REPRESENTATIVE AND WIFE.

PARTY IS HELD AT THE HOME OF MR. AND MRS. RAYMOND W. CONIN, WITH OTHERS IN CO-HOST ROLES.

All of the Romany road neighbors in the 800-1000 block (that's the way the numbers run) gathered last night to honor the newly-elected member of Congress from the fifth Missouri district, Albert L. Reeves, Jr., and Mrs. Reeves (who live at 1008). The residents made it an affair to send them away to Washington with a lot of hearty farewells and probably some confusing advice of the state of the nation.

There were fifty in all for a buffet supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond W. Conin (1009) in the middle of the block of many white New England colonial houses which has acquired some fame in these parts. Besides the Conin kitchen facilities, some of the food was prepared at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Reed (next door at 1007), Mrs. William E. Kemp (1011) and Mrs. Margaret Gregory (1005) also helped get things ready.

THE MAYOR IS DELAYED.

The confession was obtained by Karl Root, county attorney, and Bert Baumeister, sheriff.

In the statement, Schneider blamed his act to "family trouble." A divorce suit filed two years ago had been withdrawn. Mrs. Schneider had a son, Kenneth, 14, by a previous marriage and one son, Ralph, 4, was born to the Schneider marriage. Both boys have been with their mother since the separation.

Schneider said he went to the Munson home yesterday morning with a bushel of apples as a Christmas gift for his son. He requested that the mother consent to the boy accompanying him in the truck for a ride. Schneider said she refused and that he left and returned to his room at Muscotah.

RETURNED TO THE HOME.

Last night he drove his truck to within a quarter of a mile of the Munson home and parked it, according to the confession. He related that he then took the single-barrel shotgun and walked to the house. Through a window, he saw his wife at the kitchen stove. She was struck in the back.

After firing the shot, he said, he returned to the truck and lit a cigarette which ignited a jug filled with gasoline. As the truck burned he went to the home of a neighbor who drove him back to Muscotah where he started drinking, he said.

He was arrested forty-five minutes after the shooting. Mrs. Schneider died at 8:25 o'clock last night in the Munson home at Horton, Kas. She was taken there by the Munsons, and her two brothers. On the way to the hospital, they saw the burning truck but did not stop.

Schneider this afternoon was being held in jail here. No charge had been filed. Although the sheriff said Schneider had been drinking, Schneider insisted he was sober when he shot his wife.

MACARTHUR EX-AIDE DIES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Major Gen. Andrew Moses, 72, formerly assistant chief of staff under General MacArthur, died yesterday at Walter Reed hospital after a 3-month illness. During the first world war, he commanded the 186th field artillery brigade of the 81st (Wildcat) division. He retired from active duty in 1938.

REPRESENT BOTH SIDES.

Others there who live on the south side of the street were Mr. and Mrs. Clayton E. Goar (805), Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rosenblum (807), Dr. and Mrs. Frank Wallace (1001), Mr. and Mrs. John A. Moore, Jr. (1003), Mr. and Mrs. Homer D. Noel (1019), George L. Hartwisen (1023) and Mrs. and Mrs. J. Davis (1027).

Neighbors from the north side of the block were Mr. and Mrs. Ridgway Raymond (804), Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Swanson (808), Mr. and Mrs. T. C. McGrath (812), Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Clay (1002), Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Bartlett, Jr. (1004), Mr. and Mrs. George C. Gordon (1012), Mr. and Mrs. Francis L. Roach (1024) and Mr. and Mrs. Guy R. Ridge (1028).

And another popular member of the neighborhood, the Davis' big collie, Spot, was on hand.

U. S. SHIP BARRED

(Continued From First Page.)

control of the Red army. The local Soviet-appointed Chinese mayor is a figure-head, who was not even advised by the Soviets that the American ship had arrived. "Had I known you were coming I would have been at the dock to greet you," he said.

RIDS CONTROL POLICE.

Armed Chinese police, under Soviet direction and control, paced the docks day and night, preventing anyone from coming aboard or going ashore unless they possessed a Soviet pass. Several of the ship's officers and Harris H. Ball, diplomatic courier, Amarillo, Tex., were permitted ashore by the authorities.

The Soviet ultimatum to leave the port was delivered to the ship by a Red army major who stated he was the personal representative of General Korzhakov.

Ensign Tilyman B. Koons of Plainfield, N. J., who speaks Russian, interpreted for the senior naval officer on board, Comdr. Edgar L. Yates, Portland, Ore. The captain of the ship is Lieut. Ray C. White, Silver City, N. M.

The LC-3 1000 carried a crew of twenty-six enlisted men and five officers. All of the ship's armament was removed before the trip to Dairen.

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INTO HANOI CRISIS

French President Assigns General Leclerc to Put Down Indo-China Rebellion.

A POLICY OF FIRMNESS

Blum Calls Situation Serious and Likely to Worsen—Poilus Attack in Capital.

Paris, Dec. 23 (AP)—President Leon Blum said today the "serious" situation in Indo-China may worsen in the next few weeks, and announced he was dispatching General Jacques Leclerc, armored warfare specialist of World War II, to the troubled outpost of empire.

Blum, addressing the national assembly, promised a policy of firmness and of intentions to seek the 1948 G. O. P. presidential nomination.

Bricker stepped aside for Taft to make the presidential race in 1948, and Taft reciprocated four years later.

TALK ON COUNTY JOBS

DEMOCRATIC FACTIONS MEET TO DECIDE ON PATRONAGE.

Session Ends Without Agreements, but Each Leader Speculates Desires—Another Session in Few Days.

By GEORGE K. WALLACE.
(The Star's Missouri Correspondent.)

A conference yesterday among representatives of the Democratic machine factions, concerning distribution of patronage under the county court after the first of the year, produced no definite results.

The meeting was held at Independence. Those present included James M. Pendergast, Roger T. Sermon, mayor of Independence, and Frank Shannon.

Blum said it was France's duty to "preserve French lives out there" and also to spare the blood of "a people whose political liberty we recognized ten months ago." He voiced the hope that when order was re-established France could resume negotiations with a "free Viet-N. A. M."

Blum did not specify whether he meant the cabinet of President Ho Chi Minh, which has fled Hanoi, or some new Viet-N. A. M. government.

French authorities were quoted as saying twenty-nine French civilians, including eleven women, had been killed in the fighting and that their bodies were mutilated.

BARRACKS BLASTED.

The French onslaught was opened with bombardment by planes and field guns of Viet-N. A. M. troops in a strongly fortified barracks which formerly housed Indo-Chinese guards, the news agency said.

Viet-N. A. M. batteries were reported shelling the French-held citadel with old 75-millimeter guns which Japanese took previously from the French.

GIRL DIES AMID HER GIFTS.

Doll Is Shattered Beside Body of 7-Year-Old Crash Victim.

LEAVENWORTH, Kas., Dec. 23 (AP)—A Christmas shopping trip ended in tragedy for the family of Emmett C. McAllister of Basehor, Kas.

Returning to their home from Leavenworth, their panel truck overturned four miles south of here, killing the oldest of their three children, Lee Wanda, 7.

Beside her body when Deputy Sheriff Herbert Nye arrived on the scene were the red mittens and the doll she was to have received for Christmas. The doll was shattered.

The other members of the family, including 5-year-old and 6-month-old sons, escaped dangerous injury. The child's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis King, live at 6727 College avenue, Kansas City.

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1125 WALNUT

Bricker Reportedly Favors a Showdown With Taft.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 23 (AP)—Friends of John W. Bricker, senator-elect, disclosed today he wanted an early decision on whether he or Senator Robert A. Taft should step aside in the coming presidential race.

ASH DAM PLAN

Missouri Farmers Association
Directors Ask Congress to
Withhold Osceola Funds.

VIEW PLAN AS RUINOUS

Loss to Counties and Cities Cited in Backing Up Governor's Stand.

Columbia, Mo., Dec. 23.—Acting quickly on the heels of Governor Donnelly's weekend request that Congress withhold funds for construction of the Osceola dam on the Osage river, the board of directors of the Missouri Farmers association, meeting here today, adopted a resolution asking Congress to withdraw authorization for the dam and to re-examine the entire flood control program in relation to Missouri.

Giving particular attention to the Osceola reservoir which would cover 180 square miles, the directors contend that annual agricultural losses alone would more than offset financial benefits of the reservoir as estimated by army engineers.

A Social Upheaval.

The directors also said that the loss would be greater when mineral resources, wild life, county and municipal taxes and economic and social disturbances of residents of the area were considered.

"Army engineers estimated benefits to the Missouri and Mississippi valleys at \$2,387,140, while \$7,237,900 is the annual value of agricultural production of the area, between 1941 and 1945," the resolution stated.

The directors, top officials in the federation of co-operatives with 113,000 farm members, said that the Osceola dam would "almost ruin" Henry, Vernon, Bates and St. Clair counties, and the flood control program would cause serious losses in thirteen additional counties. Additional losses would be incurred to cities, specifically Clinton, Chillicothe and Nevada, which also would be "almost ruined," and through railroads, highways, telephone and power lines disrupted, the directors said.

Plan Unfair.

Turning to levees proposed to control Missouri river floods, the directors said it was unfair to expect landowners to donate land when levees also are claimed to benefit others and questioned the value of seven-inch "trough" between Kansas City and the river's mouth, although conceding that levees along the upper portions of the river might be worthy of consideration.

The levees were cited as further proof that reservoirs will not control floods.

"We contend that the very plans for the huge levees along the Missouri are an admission that the seven-inch dams planned for the basin are not intended to control floods except in a limited way," the resolution said.

SMI-BAR FARMS FOR SALE.

Ralph L. Smith Bought Land for Reported \$387,500 Last Year.

Smith-Bar Farms, 2,400-acre property at Grain Valley, Mo., purchased a year ago by Ralph L. Smith, Kansas City lumberman, has been placed on the market, it was learned today.

Smith paid a reported \$387,500 for the land, equipment and livestock in December, 1945, to the William Rockhill Nelson trust. The farm is twenty-five miles east of Kansas City on U. S. highway No. 40.

Smith also owns the 740-acre Bruce Dodson farm on U. S. highway No. 50, near Lee's Summit, Mo.

GEYSER TEARS A STREET.

Broken Water Main Causes Flood in 4-Block Area.

Four million gallons of water spewed from a broken water main at Twelfth street and Cheyenne avenue in Kansas City, Kansas, early this morning, tearing a 50-foot hole in the pavement of Twelfth street and spreading a flood over a 4-block area.

Residences in the immediate area are on relatively high ground and water damage was slight, however. No one was injured.

Police barricades were erected immediately and there were no traffic complications. Water and light department crews stopped the flow after a few minutes by turning the water into an auxiliary main which runs parallel to the ruptured 12-inch line. The changeover held the interruption of service to the Argonne district to fewer than fifteen minutes, it was said. No fires were reported during the brief danger period.

The break was believed to have occurred when a leak developed at a joint in the heavy cast-iron pipe. Escaping water widened the breach until the flow was unrestricted.

Police who rushed to the scene to handle traffic, said this morning the rush of water spouted thirty feet into the air and spread rapidly over the neighborhood.

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THE CITY'S SIXTY-SEVENTH TRAFFIC DEATH WAS THE RESULT of this head-on collision shortly after 11 o'clock today on the Intercity viaduct near Mulberry street. A 1935 Ford sedan containing six Negroes from Kansas City, Kansas, struck a large fuel oil trailer truck. A 36-year-old Negro woman, Mrs. Marie Etta Allen, 736 Greeley avenue, died of a skull fracture in an ambulance on the way to General hospital No. 2. Her husband and the driver of the car were in a critical condition. The driver of the truck told police the sedan was traveling east at high speed when it struck his vehicle as he attempted to pass another truck.—(Kansas City Star photograph).

A YULE CUSTOM DIFFERS

FRENCH SANTA LEAVES HIS GIFTS IN THE CHILDREN'S SHOES.

Alphonse Cote, Citizen of France Contrasts His Country's Holiday Practices With the American Way.

Instead of "stockings hung by the chimney with care," it is "shoes placed by the fireplace," in the home of Alphonse Cote, 20-year-old native of France, who took time out from his classes at Rockhurst college today to explain the Christmas customs of his homeland to friends.

The children of France, at least in my home at Lyons, put their shoes before the fire before they go to midnight mass," the youth remarked in slow, considered English. "When they return, the shoes are filled with presents."

HAS A 4-YEAR SCHOLARSHIP.

Hazel-eyed, dark-haired Alphonse arrived here November 1 to accept a 4-year scholarship from Rockhurst. The school is offering the scholarship in an effort to help French boys rebuild France. He did not know English when he arrived, but is picking it up quickly in special classes.

AN "AGENT" WAS A SWINDLER.
Mrs. Mabel E. DeBord Paid \$29.50 as Fee for Insurance.

Police today were searching for a man reported to have swindled Mrs. Mabel E. DeBord, 703 East Tenth street, of \$29.50 while posing as an insurance agent.

Mrs. DeBord said a man approached her following the recent death of her husband and informed her she was beneficiary of a \$4,000 policy taken out by her husband's first wife. He took \$29.50 from her as a fee for collecting the money for her, she said.

INJURED IN TRUCK MISHAP.

Driver Pinned in Wrecked Cab Thirty Minutes.

After being pinned between the steering wheel and the roof of an overturned truck cab thirty minutes about 10 o'clock this morning, George Thomas, Liberty, Mo., escaped with only a deep cut above the left eye and a bruised left hip. He was treated at the Independence sanitarium and released.

Thomas was the driver of a large, semi-trailer truck of the Centropolis Transfer company, 7010-12 East Fifteenth street, which twisted, Thomas told deputies, when he made a right turn from the Lake City road to Spring Branch road, six miles east of Independence.

The truck was loaded with twelve 30 by 10-foot floor sections being hauled from the Lake City plant to Rockhurst college for use in erecting additional housing facilities.

Ambulance workers and the deputies were unable to free Thomas from the truck until a motor crane was brought from the Lake City plant to lift the cab.

TO REOPEN K. C. U. OFFICES.

School's Facilities Will Be Available Thursday Morning.

Offices at the University of Kansas City, which closed Saturday noon for the Christmas holidays, will be reopened Thursday morning. The offices will be closed New Year's day.

DIES IN KANSAS CRASH.

One Killed; Three Injured When Car Hits Train Near Wichita.

WICHITA, KAS., Dec. 23 (AP)—One man is dead and three other persons are in a hospital with dangerous injuries as the result of a car-train crash yesterday at Whitewater, Kas., twenty miles northeast of here. An automobile carrying the four on a Christmas journey to Iowa collided with a Rock Island freight train.

Robert L. Heine, 40, of Montrose, Ia., was killed. Injured are his wife, Mrs. Esther Heine, 35; daughter, Lois E. Heine, 11, and Harley Gabrelson, about 30, Duluth, Minn.

Heine, a photographer, and Gabrelson, a fellow worker employed on the federal atomic bomb project in New Mexico, and Heine's family left Santa Fe, N. M., Saturday morning for Christmas vacation at Christmastime.

SENDS GIFTS TO FRANCE.

In spite of the new friends and scenes here, Alphonse did not forget to send home Christmas presents to his parents and two younger broth-

ers. Heaters, Batteries, Tires. Delivery now. Century Mtrs. McGee at 19th.—Adv.

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Society



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Many parties were given by individual hosts and table reservations were made by groups from the Barstow school, Pembroke-Country Day school, Sunset Hill school class of 1946 and the senior class at the French Institute of Notre Dame de Sion.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Popham have as guests, Mr. Popham Tillman, and son, Mr. George Tillman, of Gainesville, Fla. Mrs. Popham will give a small tea Saturday for Mrs. Tillman. Guests will be limited to close friends of Mrs. Tillman. Mr. and Mrs. Popham entertained with open house yesterday afternoon for Mr. Tillman.

Mrs. Anna M. George announces the marriage December 21 of her daughter, Helen, to Mr. Douglas D. Harding, son of Mrs. John Thomas Harding. Mr. and Mrs. Harding will be at home in Pasadena, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilden Van S. Dunn will have an open house from 7 to 9 o'clock Christmas night at their home, 1228 West Sixty-first street.

Lieut. James R. McVay, Jr., has returned from Denver and is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James R. McVay.

Miss Virginia Ann Smith will have as guests Miss Pat Sloan and Miss Joan Thompson of Dallas who will arrive the last of this week to attend the marriage of Miss Alyce Fountroy Lysle and Mr. Thomas Templeton Reyburn II, which will take place at noon Saturday at the Visitation church and the reception following at the Kansas City Country club.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott P. Kellogg are entertaining their daughter, Mrs. Harold H. Fisher, St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert H. Peabody have as guests a daughter, Mrs. Forrest S. De Bernardi, Mr. De Bernardi and daughter, Elizabeth Ann, of Tulsa.

Miss Georgina Stayton, Miss Rosemary Trelease and Miss Virginia Major were hostesses of a luncheon today at the Kansas City Club honoring Miss Alyce Lysle.

Miss Maridel Asher, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Graham Asher, has returned from Pine Manor Junior college in Wellesley, Mass.

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GET SET ON REICH

Russians Busy Lining Up Ideas to Present to Ministers' Meeting March 10.

MAY HAVE A SURPRISE

Soviet Leaders, Convinced They Fixed Pace in New York, Sure to Have a Formula.

By EDDY GILMORE.

MOSCOW, Dec. 23.(AP)—Convinced they set the pace at the New York United Nations sessions, the Soviets are now concentrating on the German question and all its ramifications, drawing up a program of ideas for positive proposals to settle the problem.

As the world has seen before, the U.S.S.R. does not go into conference without definite proposals on the biggest issues, and the same can be assumed for the Moscow meeting of the foreign ministers council March 10.

The Russians are expected to have something definite to propose, perhaps something as newsworthy and startling to the other great powers as their recent disarmament suggestions.

Ideas May Be Near.

It can be said with certainty that the U.S.S.R. has some definite ideas on Germany that will be new.

The greatest impetus to Russia's plans for the future is, of course, the return of Prime Minister Stalin to Moscow, refreshed and rested from his vacation.

V. M. Molotov, foreign minister, and his deputy, Andrei Y. Vishinsky, also are both back in the capital. Both experienced long hours of work during the New York U.N. meetings, and the first thing they are expected to do is to rest. Both returned to Moscow in excellent health and spirits.

The Russians are sure to push the disarmament question hard during the coming months. They express the desire to get the men in their armed forces back into civilian life to speed up the new year plans.

Reds Are Withdrawing.

It is known here that the U.S.S.R. is withdrawing large numbers of troops from Germany and other occupied countries. They are seen in railway stations almost daily and on the streets, going to and from their temporary barracks in the city.

When questioned, they say they are from Germany and Austria, adding that they have been demobilized and are going back to farms and factories.

It may well be that before long Russia will have fewer troops in Germany than others of the great powers.

Deaths.**EDWARD B. LUNDGREEN RITES**

The Broadway Baptist Church Deacons to Be Pallbearers.

Follow deacons of the Broadway Baptist church will be pallbearers at the funeral services for Edward B. Lundgreen, 6140 West Seventy-eighth street, Overland Park, Kas., who died yesterday. The services will be held at 3:30 o'clock Tuesday at



EDWARD B. LUNDGREEN, WHO DIED YESTERDAY.

The Newcomer chapel, Brush Creek boulevard and the Paseo. Dr. Howard P. Colson, pastor of the church, will preside.

The active pallbearers:

John L. Strandberg, David N. Widell, E. Barton Donaldson, Fenton W. Holm, J. Ursen Fore.

Thirteen other deacons and ten trustees of the church will be honorary pallbearers.

DEE EARL HORTON.

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Although the Henns Expected Multiple Births, They "Didn't Want to Temp Temptation," He Says.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 23.(AP)—Charles Henn, Jr., was casting about today for names and a house big enough for a family suddenly increased to seven by the birth of quadruplets—three boys and a girl.

Dr. Thomas J. Bowyer, who made the deliveries, said the quads' chances of survival were "very good."

The mother, 28, also is in "good condition" after the delivery which was performed without anesthetics in fifty-five minutes at the St. Agnes hospital.

MOTHER ASKS FOR TEA.

The couple met and married in England while Henn was a sergeant with the 84th division and Mrs. Henn, the former Dorothy Geast, was serving in the ATS, British equivalent of the American WACS.

Mrs. Henn was one of the calmest persons in the hospital and after the delivery asked for a "British cup of tea" before taking a sedative.

Dr. William H. Sawyers, who assisted at the delivery, estimated the babies' weight "approximately half normal size, or about four pounds apiece."

Henn said he and his wife had picked no names, although they were informed by X-rays last November that quadruplets were "are in good shape"—(Wirephoto.)

**QUADRUPLET'S FATHER.**

Charles Henn, Jr., in St. Agnes hospital, Baltimore, ponders the fact that three boys and a girl were born there last night to his slender English war bride. The attending physician, Dr. Thomas Bowyer, says all the quadruplets "are in good shape"—(Wirephoto.)

Independence, and John Ward of the town, daughter, Mrs. Edith Ryan, Houston, Tex., and sister, Mrs. Cora Honeycutt, 1222 Pennsylvania Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas.

GOODING—Mrs. Florence Gooding, 63 years old, 3345 College avenue, died today at the St. Joseph hospital. She had been a resident here thirty-two years. She was a member of the Grace Presbyterian church. Mrs. Gooding leaves her husband, Charles O. Gooding, of the home, an employee of the railway mail service; a sister, Miss Anna Meyer, 1215 21st street, and four brothers, Frank J. Meyer, George Meyer and Robert Meyer, all of Oklahoma City, and Arthur Meyer, Shawnee, Ok.

GODDARD—William Earl Medlin, 46 years old, route No. 10, North Kansas City, died early today at the Research Hospital. He died after suffering a heart attack yesterday afternoon at the home. He was foreman for a stone-setting company which had a contract for the Jackson County courthouse. He had worked at the Municipal Auditorium, the general post office, Kansas City Power & Light Co. building, and the Liberty Memorial. He was born in Joplin, Mo., and Art, Mr. Medlin leaves his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Medlin of the home; his father, W. R. Medlin, Noel, Mo.; three sisters, Mrs. Leon Trahan, 3909 Locust street, and Mrs. W. A. Alton, Los Angeles; Mrs. James Irwin, Paris, Tex., and two brothers, Art Medlin and Jack Medlin, both of Los Angeles.

STUDT—Mrs. Alma Studt, 61 years old, 4026 Georgia avenue, Kansas City, died this morning at St. Margaret hospital. She was widowed in 1937 and had been living in Joplin, Mo., before coming here about nineteen years ago. She leaves her husband, Mont L. Wingfield, a salesman for the Federated Department Stores. Mr. Wingfield and his wife, John H. Capelli, and a sister, Miss Helen Capelli, both of Joplin, and three brothers, John Capelli, Joplin; John Capelli, Washington, and Charles Capelli, Salina, Mo. The body will be at the Stine & McClure chapel, Gillham plaza, this afternoon and to-night.

SERVICES FOR LOUIS C. LINCK.

Private funeral services for Louis C. Linck, 54 years old, 2728 Monroe avenue, who died yesterday, will be held at 10 o'clock Thursday morning at the Wagner Chapel, 1100 Woodard and Wyandotte street. Mr. Linck was a member of the United Packinghouse Workers local No. 15.

YULE TREE FIRE KILLS FOUR. Children Are Victims in a Converted Barracks Home.

OTTAWA, CANADA, Dec. 23.(AP)—A Christmas tree caught fire today at a barracks which had been converted into a home for veterans and four children burned to death. Mrs. Patrick Zebigny, mother of the victims, who ranged in age from 4 months to 6 years, was injured critically. A branch of the tree was reported ignited by a near-by grill.

KANSAS TO G. O. P. GROUP.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.(AP)—End Collinson, Winfield, Kas., and Edward P. Trepinski, Toledo, O., have been named co-chairmen of the taxation committee of the Young Republican federation.

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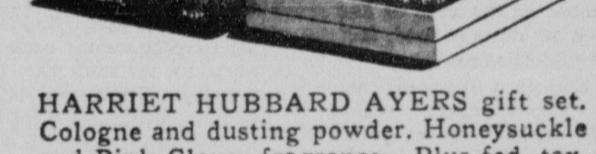
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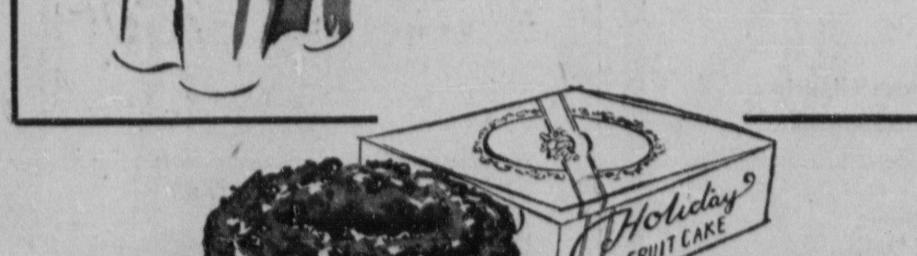
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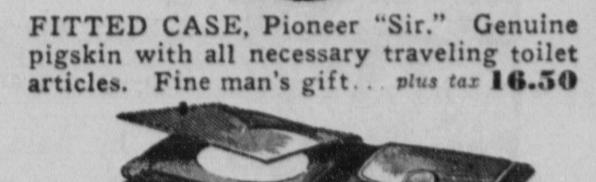
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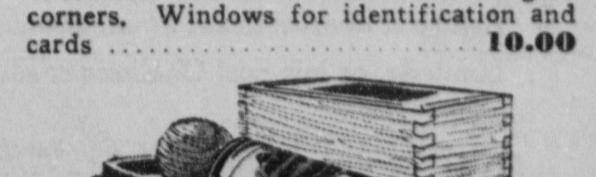
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by Quake in Japan.

IN QUEST FOR SHELTER

Toll of Dead Set at 1,125, With
1,035 Missing—Food in
by Plane.

Tokyo, Dec. 23. (AP)—With the toll of dead calculated as high as 1,125 so far, thousands of wretched, shivering Japanese tonight huddled around fires near the waterlogged wreckage of their homes destroyed by the earthquake and tidal waves early Saturday.

The home ministry listed 1,026 dead, with reports still coming in from previously isolated areas in Southern Shikoku Island and the Wakayama peninsula. Kyodo news agency reported its count at 1,125 killed. Kyodo listed 2,700 killed, missing and injured.

A bitter cold wind blew steadily across Japan from the Manchurian plains, adding to the miserable discomfort of Japanese who lost their homes and their relatives or friends in the tragic dawn Saturday.

Desperate for Shelter.

The homeless—tens of thousands—were living under railroad trestles, in forests and along the beaches, stoking little fires against the biting winter weather, as relief crews sought to deliver emergency food, clothing and medical supplies.

The home ministry listed 1,026 as dead, 145 as missing and 1,035 injured, and reported that more than 100,000 persons were made homeless in one of the world's worst natural disasters.

Lieut. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger, commander of the U. S. Eighth Army, announced meanwhile that no American personnel had been killed or injured. Less than 100 Yanks in the Wakayama peninsula area—center of the quake zone—will not be evacuated immediately, army headquarters said, because they are in no danger and "have a job to do there."

Food and Gifts by Air.

Food and fresh water was dropped by air to the American garrisons.

Christmas packages were dropped to American soldiers isolated at Tanabe and Kushimoto.

Eight Japanese doctors went by boat to Wakayama and other districts. The home ministry also sent 400,000 1-meal ration units, varying fromhardtack to preserved seafood and canned goods.

American military government units also were rushing the distribution of clothing and foods.

Two 5th air force public relations officers parked their jeep next to a building in the earthquake zone today. Seconds later, as they started to walk away—crash! A cement wall loosened by the tremor fell on the little vehicle.

Picture as Proof.

The officers, Lieut. George Sawyer of Oklahoma City, and Richard A. Thomas, New York City, took pictures of the demolished jeep and reported the story to their superior.

The skipper of a Japanese-manned LST (landing ship, tank) which was twelve miles off Shingu at the time of Saturday's earthquake reported the feeling was "as if the hull had hit a mine—a tremendous shock." The vessel was not damaged.

This was the first report from a ship at sea during the quake.

URGES RAISE FOR PASTORS.

Baptist Group Recommends Minimum of 10 Per Cent.

New York, Dec. 23. (AP)—A pay boost of at least 10 per cent for pastors of the 7,000 churches in the Northern Baptist convention was recommended today by the state secretaries council of the organization.

A resolution adopted by the council, an advisory body, said that "the increased cost of the necessities of life is forcing many clergymen 'below the subsistence level' in income."

"We suggest 10 per cent as a minimum increase, and in most instances it should be much more," the resolution stated.

ZIONISTS RAP TERRORISM.

Political Commission Deplores Situation in Palestine.

BASEL, SWITZERLAND, Dec. 23. (AP)—The political commission of the World Zionist Congress drew up a resolution today denouncing "terrorism" in Palestine.

The resolution was drafted for submission to the final plenary session of the congress tonight.

The chief issue before the congress—whether to participate in the Palestine conference to convene in London January 14—hung in the balance pending a vote tonight by the 370 delegates from forty-three countries. The political commission voted 20 to 16, yesterday against Zionist participation.

The budget commission has approved a \$62-million-dollar budget for 1947, subject to approval by the plenary session. This is more than double the 1946 budget.

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CHRISTMAS TRAVELERS.

HOME TO HER FATHER FOR CHRISTMAS

today went 3-month-old Carolyn Ann Krause of Toledo, shown at the Union Station in a last-minute visit with her grandfather, E. J. Charlton, 330 South Elmwood avenue. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Krause, brought her here at Thanksgiving to visit the mother's parents. The father returned to Toledo December 1 and his wife and daughter were preparing to rejoin him today.



CHRISTMAS DOWN ON THE FARM was the destination of this soiled pair, Roy Alvin (left), 4 years old, and Wanda Sherrill, 2, children of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Ratliff, 2530 Wabash avenue. They were traveling to Gilman City, Mo., today with an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Don Richardson, to spend the holiday with their paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ratliff, and their maternal grandmother, Mrs. Laura Meek, at Gilman City—(Kansas City Star photographs).

TRUMAN AID RESIGNS.

Edwin A. Locke, Jr., Will Join Chase National Bank.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23. (AP)—President Truman today accepted the resignation of Edwin A. Locke, Jr., a special assistant to the President, effective December 31. Locke is to become vice-president of the Chase National bank in New York.

ACADEMY AWARD DATE SET.

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 23. (AP)—The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announced today it will conduct its nineteenth annual presentation of awards March 13. The scene shifts this spring to the Shrine auditorium, where 3,200 seats will be reserved for movie folk and 3,500 will be sold to the public. Increased attendance caused the move from a theater.

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RULES A BOY HEIR OUT

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was to pay his wife the sum of \$800 per month until such time as she might remarry, following a divorce if she divorced him, or if he divorced her, there was to be paid to her at that time an additional sum of \$12,500.

"Prior to this time Mr. Bernheimer had purchased a valuable piece of property in Brentwood in the city of Los Angeles. Without going further into detail, I think there is no question but that immediately after the execution of this agreement Mr. and Mrs. Bernheimer both moved to California and since have been residents and have domiciled in that state and thereafter did not live together as husband and wife.

"On April 30, 1941, Earle Bernheimer, then being in Hollywood, Calif., met a young lady by the name of Verona Odsgard, a singer in a night club with whom he became enamored, and within a matter of days there was an understanding that the marriage with Sally Wright Bernheimer was at an end, that they would never live together, and that he expected a dissolution of that marriage and that then he would be completely free to carry out his intention to marry this young lady.

A MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

"They became engaged and had occasion to become intimate, one with the other, and about the middle of June, thinking she had become pregnant Mr. Bernheimer took her to see a doctor to determine whether or not she had actually become pregnant, and the examination showed that she was pregnant.

"In December, 1941, Mr. Bernheimer went to the city of Juarez, Republic of Mexico, and there filed suit for divorce against Sally Wright Bernheimer. Within a few days thereafter Sally Wright Bernheimer, having been served with process, filed a suit in California to enjoin Earle from prosecuting this Mexican suit and asked the California court to enjoin him from carrying this Mexican suit to a conclusion.

"A temporary injunction was issued against Earle restraining him from prosecuting the Mexican suit for divorce and in the decree of that court the court found that both Earle and Sally were domiciled in and were residents of the state of California.

MEXICAN DIVORCE GRANTED.

"In the face of the injunction on January 28, 1942, a Mexican decree was entered. Thereupon, Mr. Bernheimer was cited for contempt and disobedience of that order, but I do not believe any useful purpose can be served in making any further findings of fact in regard to the proceedings in California.

"The testimony undoubtedly shows that Mr. Bernheimer, a citizen and resident of California, made a 1-day trip to Mexico, filed a divorce suit in December, 1941, and without any further action on his part a decree was entered on January 28, 1942. After receiving the so-called Mexican divorce decree a marriage license was obtained by Earle J. Bernheimer to marry Verona Odsgard, and that ceremony was performed in Las Vegas, Nev.

"Thereafter, and on February 9, 1942, a child, the present plaintiff, Earle J. Bernheimer, Jr., was born as issue to Verona Bernheimer and Earle J. Bernheimer of Los Angeles, Calif.

RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES.

"After that time Mr. Bernheimer and the mother of the child who has become known since that time as Mrs. Earle Bernheimer, have made

their home in Los Angeles. Earle Bernheimer, sr., has always acknowledged this boy as his son, and I do not think there is any question in the mind of anyone—but that I mean counsel in this case and all others who know anything about it—but that the child is the son of Earle J. Bernheimer, sr.

"Sally Wright Bernheimer, still living in Los Angeles, came to Kansas City from the state of California, arriving here August 3, 1943, and registered at the Bellview hotel, Kansas City, Mo., under her own name, and stated on the registration card that she resided at 1416 Havenhurst drive, Hollywood, Calif. Two days after she arrived in Kansas City, on August 5, she filed suit for divorce in the circuit court of Jackson County, Missouri, at Kansas City, suit being numbered 48960, and on August 6, 1943, in the case was entered.

In his ruling today Judge Buzard took up the point raised by the trustees that no justifiable or "ripe issue" was presented, because (first) Earle, Jr., may not survive his father and (second) because the decree for the hospital and the congregation would not terminate the uncertainty of the controversy.

Judge Buzard cited the Missouri declaratory judgment act in assuming jurisdiction.

Thereupon the circuit court judge, the question became whom Mr. Bernheimer intended to include as "lawful issue."

Judge Buzard said all agreed that the Missouri law governs the interpretations, which he said was that "the true intent of the testator as expressed in her will will be given effect."

It is the duty of the court to interpret this will," he continued,

was filed by Mr. Bernheimer, and "not to make one, or rewrite it under the guise of construction."

The will was not ambiguous and the court attached the meaning of the words that bear a peculiar meaning to lawyers.

If either of the divorces was valid, the 4-year-old boy would be the issue of the body of Earle J. Bernheimer.

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ruling was made strictly under Missouri laws.

"The right of plaintiff to inherit from his father, his right to his father's name, the right to support and maintenance are not issues in this case," Judge Buzard explains in today's opinion.

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Both MARRIAGES VOID.

Thereupon Judge Buzard holds that "Earle J. Bernheimer, sr., and Sally Wright Bernheimer have never been divorced; that it follows that the two marriages to Verona could not be legally consummated by Earle, sr."

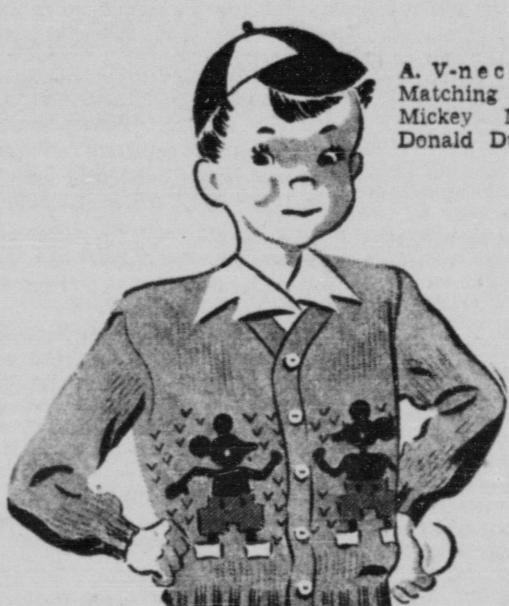
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SANTA'S WIFE IS BUSY

POSTMISTRESS RECEIVES TITLE OF MRS. CLAUS.

Yule Mail Is Sent to Christmas, Fla., to Carry Season's Postmark to All Sections of the World.

CHRISTMAS, Fla., Dec. 23 (AP)—Here in a land of sunny winter days—where most people never have seen snow upon a rooftop nor heard the jingle of a sleigh bell, "Mrs. Santa Claus" has been working overtime for weeks.

She is Mrs. Juanita Tucker, comely postmistress in this little community fringed by marshland, live oaks and towering palms.

MAIL RECEIPTS ARE HEAVY.

People in all the forty-eight states and in many foreign countries send yule mail to her to be stamped with the "Christmas" postmark and re-mailed.

The Christmas, Fla., postoffice was set up June 27, 1892, just fifty-seven years after the community was founded. Although there is a Christmas Cove, in Maine, this is the only plain Christmas postoffice in the United States.

Back in 1835 a company of United States soldiers came down to help the small group of apprehensive settlers battle the Seminole Indians. On Christmas day the fort, built of cabbage palm logs, was taken over by the settlers and the name Fort Christmas came into being.

SETTLED BY RUGGED STOCK.

The settlers were of rugged stock, Anglo-Saxon names like Tucker and Roberts and Barber, whose descendants still dwell in this section.

"Mrs. Santa Claus" is glowingly proud of her work and her stamp. Despite the heavy rush, she sees that each piece of mail gets special attention. The official "Christmas, Fla." postmark is stamped carefully so that it will not blur. A cachet reading "Good Will Toward Men" also is stamped on the envelope.

The post office is in a country store on Mrs. Tucker's property. There is no railroad and the town lies a half-mile off the main highway and twenty-five miles from Orlando. Mail is dispatched by automobile.

ESTIMATE A RECORD SEASON.

This season will be one of the busiest, if not the busiest, in history, Mrs. Tucker believes. By the time Christmas day rolls around she wouldn't be surprised if the outgo exceeded 150,000 pieces of mail.

"Although Christmas is only a little country village with no business center, I think it is the spirit of its people which makes it a place of beauty," the postmistress commented. "They are kind and simple folks who help each other in time of sickness or disaster. They are generous in sharing what they have with those in need."

HOPE AS A POTTED PLANT.

Yuletide Decoration Made Possible by New Process.

Christmas holly as a potted plant is a new variation in yuletide decoration made possible by the use of growth-regulating substances. The potted holly has an advantage over sprays and wreaths in that it can be planted later outside as a permanent ornamental for home grounds.

Plant scientists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture have found that holly cuttings, ordinarily difficult to root, will take root quickly when they are treated with growth-regulating or hormone-like substances. The scientists say the treatment worked out in the laboratory and used to some extent this year by florists may be applied at home.

The growth-regulating substances, indole-butyric acid and naphthalene acetamide, now on the market in powdered and liquid form are sold as rooting preparations under various trade names at seed and hardware stores. Directions for their use are supplied by the manufacturer.

Cut the holly stems three or four inches from the tip end of the branch. Only fresh cutting will respond to the treatment and make attractive potting plants. Cuttings that have been shipped any distance or held for more than a few days cannot be expected to take root. The freshly cut twigs, however, root quickly when they are treated with the growth-regulator, planted in soil, and kept in a room where there are no extremes of temperature. Holly is especially sensitive to heat and needs moisture.

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GAETY AND COMFORT.

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DOROTHY DIX.

Girls Complain to Dorothy Dix Of Aloofness of Young Men

DEAR MISS DIX: We are four working girls who hold good office jobs. We are unmarried, of average means, looks and personalities, range in age from 21 to 25. We want information on why the boys of today treat the girls the way they do. Here are a few of our pet grievances:

Men today make promises to call a girl for a date and either they to which no one knows how to give a happy ending. Thousands upon thousands of returned servicemen with a girl and taking up all her time exclusively for a year or two, to drop her for no apparent reason? Certainly he can't be so thick-headed it takes him that length of time to make up his mind about how he feels about a girl.

Why is it that on Saturday night, a night that is considered almost exclusively a date night, so many boys go stag? We realize the majority of boys are veterans—many of them going to school—and we do not expect them to shower us with gifts, or take us to expensive places of amusement. We would be satisfied with going to inexpensive places but we don't get them. Why?

Four Disgusted Girls.

Answer: The way of a man with a maid is one of the mysteries no one ever has solved. No one knows why some girls have dates to burn, while other girls as pretty, as intelligent, as attractive to the casual eye, have to flock with other girls.

The only explanation that has ever seemed tenable is boys do not seem to have much confidence in their own judgment about girls. They have to have some other man's O. K. on Mary or Sally before they begin stepping out with her. Then they join the throng that hover about her like bees about a honey-pot. They didn't have the nerve to go to it alone and see for themselves how pretty Mary was, or how entertaining Sally was, or what a good dancer Susie was.

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Holiday Cookery

THE following recipes may be used in preparing the Christmas dinners, breakfasts and suppers given on the woman's page of The Star yesterday.

Cranberry Salad.

2 cups cranberries.
1 cup boiling water.
1 cup sugar.
1/4 cup gelatin.
1/4 cup cold water.
1/2 cup diced canned pineapple (or orange).
1/2 cup white grapes, halved and seeded.

Soak over and wash cranberries. Add boiling water and cook ten minutes; rub through a sieve; add sugar and mix well; add gelatin which has been soaked in cold water five minutes. Stir until all ingredients are dissolved. Cool, then add pineapple (or orange) and grapes. Pour into individual molds. Chill in refrigerator three hours and serve on crisp greens with mayonnaise. (Makes six servings.)

Sweet Potato Balls.

Allow 1 large sweet potato for each ball. Boil and peel sweet potatoes. Mash and season with butter, salt, pepper and add pineapple or orange juice to make a soft ball. Roll between palms with a segment of orange or pineapple as the center of the ball. Cover with rather finely crumbled corn flakes and dip in melted butter. Place on baking sheet to brown and reheat immediately before serving time, in oven.

Butterscotch Waffle Bread.

1 cake compressed yeast.
1/2 cup lukewarm water.
1/4 cup milk, scalded.
1/4 cup sugar.
7 tablespoons butter or butter substitute.

1 teaspoon salt.

3/4 cups sifted flour.
2/3 cup brown sugar, sifted and packed.

2 teaspoons ground cinnamon.

Melted butter.

Dissolve yeast in lukewarm water. Combine hot milk, sugar, 3 tablespoons butter (or substitute) and salt. Cool to lukewarm; add well-beaten eggs and dissolved yeast and mix well. Add half the flour and beat until smooth. Add remaining flour and beat well. Put into lightly greased bowl, cover, and chill in refrigerator several hours.

Divide into two equal parts. Roll each part on lightly-floured bread board, into two 8-inch squares. Cut each square into eight 1-inch strips, and weave these in a greased 8x8-inch pan. Cover and allow to rise in warm place about forty-five minutes or until doubled in bulk.

Brush with melted butter and sprinkle with mixture of brown sugar and cinnamon and dot with remaining butter over tops. Bake in pre-heated 375-degree oven about twenty-eight minutes. Makes two 8x8-inch square loaves.

Brioche.

This recipe makes thirty-two de-

licious 2-inch buns:

1 cup milk.
1 1/2 to 2 1/2 cups butter or butter substitute.

1/2 to 1/4 cup sugar.

2 yeast cakes.

1/4 cup lukewarm water.

1/4 to 1/2 beaten eggs.

1 teaspoon grated lemon rind (optional).

4 1/2 cups bread flour.

Melted butter.

Scald the milk and add shortenings, salt and sugar, stirring until dissolved. Cool these ingredients slightly. Dissolve the yeast in the lukewarm water and add eggs and lemon rind.

Add to the milk mixture. Sift before measuring and then stir in the flour. Beat dough well. Cover with a cloth and permit it to rise in warm place for six hours. Grease muffin tins, filling them half full of dough. Brush the tops with melted butter. Permit the brioche to rise in a warm place for thirty minutes. Bake in hot oven 425 degrees F.

ADVERTISING.

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MY DAY.

BY ELEANOR ROOSEVELT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—I said something the other day about placing a floor under the salaries paid throughout the country to our teachers. I was thinking in terms of elementary, grade-school and high-school education, particularly in rural areas. I have been shocked, however, to read of the difficulties in which our college teachers find themselves in New York state, which is supposed to have such a very high educational standard.

We have lagged far behind in providing free educational opportunities on the college and graduate school level. To discover, however, that the rapid rise in the cost of living, with no compensating rise in salary, has forced many of our college teachers to supplement their salaries by doing manual labor in what should be hours of leisure, is a really shocking commentary on the value which we put on our children's education.

In the city of New York during the last normal year before the war—October, 1940, to October, 1941—there were thirty-one resignations. I am told, from the regular teaching staffs of the four municipal colleges and twenty-seven resignations from the clerical staff. On the other hand, from October, 1945, to October, 1946, there have been ninety-four resignations from the teaching staffs of the four colleges and 122 resignations from the clerical staffs. If the number of students had remained approximately the same or had decreased, this would not be so serious; but because of returning veterans and the normal increase in students, there is a great rise in enrollment.

Usually, in jobs which are connected in some way with the government, the advantages held out are greater stability and security in the job, pensions for old age and more liberal vacation periods. But if you have to do outside tutoring or some other kind of outside work to make ends meet, that cuts out your holidays; and it is also quite evident that many teachers today, particularly those who marry and have children, are obliged to skimp on dental and medical care as well as on housing, clothing, furniture and even food.

Even the most timid who long for security may be forced to resign and try to find some occupation which meets the needs of the moment a little more adequately. When you realize that every college teacher must have many years of preparation for his work, you wonder a little how our state and city officials expect to hold any of their good teachers. What is to happen to the opportunities offered to our children in the field of free, higher education?

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THE SPARKLE OF CHRISTMAS.

Let's make our Christmas season jolly. With warmer hearts and redder holly. With greener greens and whiter snow. And softer sprigs of mistletoe. Let's sing more carols and more hymns.

More curly-headed cherubs.

With stars in children's eyes let's pause.

And still believe in Santa Claus!

—MARY HOLMAN GRIMES.

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about twenty minutes and remove at once from the pans.

Since you may desire to make these ahead of time, they may be reheated by placing in a paper bag, tightly closed, and heated for five minutes in a 425-degree oven. Another useful reheating trick is this: place bread, buns or rolls in tightly covered double boiler, over boiling water, for about five minutes. They will taste as fresh and crisp as if they had been baking, that minute.

Green Christmas Peas With Onions.

1 pound small white onions.
1 pound frozen green peas.
3 tablespoons butter or fortified margarine.

1/2 teaspoon sugar.

1/2 teaspoon lemon juice.

1/2 teaspoon minced parsley.

Salt and pepper to taste.

Parboil the onions five minutes in small amount of water. Add peas, butter or margarine, lemon juice, salt, pepper and sugar. Cook quickly until peas are well heated through and all liquid absorbed. Add parsley and mix. Cover for a minute or two to allow flavor of parsley to season both onions and peas.

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DEFENDS TAXI DRIVERS.

Woman Who Owns a Cab Company Says Public Is Discourteous.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23 (UPI) — Mrs. Florence Fry, who owns and operates a cab company at Ottumwa, Iowa, came to the defense of the drivers at the American Taxicab association convention.

Mrs. Fry, who was the first woman elected to the board of directors of the American Taxicab association, also had a few words to say about the people who ride in taxicabs.

Since the end of the war, she said, taxi drivers have been more and more courteous, and the public's manners have been growing steadily worse.

"A lot of passengers took so much during the war that now they can't stand to wait five minutes for us to get a cab for them," she said. "And you'd be surprised how many calls we make miles out of town only to find that the customer has changed his mind and left by some other means."

Mrs. Fry knows all about taxis. She has been operating her own company for seventeen years. She does all the hiring and firing, keeps the books, and repairs the taximeters when they get out of order. Mrs. Fry attacked the widespread opinion that cab drivers are "speed maniacs," and demanded to know "who urges them to speed?"

"It's the same customer who wants to get to his destination in half the legal time allowed who is the first to place the blame for every accident on the cab driver," she answered.

The percentage of honest cab

drivers is as high or higher than in any other occupation, she said, and would be even greater if the public showed its appreciation.

Mrs. Fry says her cabbies turn in hundreds of umbrellas, purses, gloves and even billfolds, left behind by careless passengers.

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TAFT'S CHOICE IN

Ohio Senator Will Ask Chairmanship of the Important Labor Committee.

HAND ON FINANCE, TOO

Membership of Tax-Writing Group to Be Retained, He Announces.

By JACK BELL.

Washington, Dec. 23. (AP)— Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio said today he will ask the chairmanship of the Senate labor committee when Republican senators meet December 30 to organize for their new majority role.

By seniority, Taft would have the choice of the labor chairmanship or head of the tax-writing finance committee.

To Keep Finance Post.

Announcing his decision to ask for the labor post, the Ohio senator said in a statement that he plans to remain on the finance committee.

He announced too that he hopes to continue as chairman of the Republican steering committee.

Ordinarily, the finance chairmanship is considered a more important post than leadership of the labor committee.

Cumor Over Labor.

The clamor for revision of labor laws will make the labor committee of unusual importance, however, in the new Congress.

If Taft had elected to seek finance, Senator Aiken of Vermont, Republican, would have been in line for the labor of airmanship. Aiken has usually supported organized labor's viewpoint on legislative matters and some of his G. O. P. colleagues call him a "better new dealer" than most Democrats.

Taft's decision may give the finance chairmanship to Senator Millikin of Colorado, Republican.

Butler in a Shift.

Senator Hugh Butler of Nebraska, next in line to Taft on the finance committee, told a reporter he is more interested in becoming chairman of the new and enlarged public lands committee, if that post falls to him by seniority, as it seems likely to do.

Besides heading the finance committee, Millikin is in line for election as chairman of the Republican conference, a post Senator Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan will vacate when he becomes the Senate's new presiding officer.

A 3-way battle over the chairmanship of the powerful new commerce committee appears in the making.

White in Controversy.

The controversy over the commerce chairmanship, carrying with it the job of guiding domestic and foreign legislation affecting business generally, revolves around the claim of Senator Wallace White of Maine to the post.

White has made no secret of the fact that in addition to being majority floor leader—a post he seems certain to get—he wants to head the commerce group.

But Senator Robertson of Wyoming, Republican, and several others have said they are against any senator's holding two "public" jobs of this nature.

Another senator said privately a resolution will be presented at the meeting December 30 in an effort to force White to choose between the two positions.

Any such decision by the conference apparently would plunge Senators Charles Tobey of New Hampshire and Clyde Reed of Kansas into a head-on battle for the commerce post.

Surprises by Tobey.

Tobey, who has declined to tell his committee on committees what assignments he wants in the new Senate on the grounds that it has no authority to act on such matters, reportedly has informed friends he is interested in the commerce chairmanship.

The New Hampshire senator is top Republican on the Senate banking committee, which handles monetary legislation and measures dealing with international finance. Most of his colleagues had supposed that Tobey would take this chairmanship and were surprised to learn of his interest in the commerce job.

But if White steps up or is pushed aside from the committee assignment, Senator Reed has informed associates that he intends to battle for the place. Reed has said he will make no bid for it, however, if

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CONVERSION TO GENERAL HOSPITAL FORMALLY APPROVED.

Manager Says Changeover From Original Plans as Neuropsychiatric Center Is Rapidly Being Carried Out.

WADSWORTH, KAS., Dec. 23.—The former Veterans Bureau facility here, now the Wadsworth Veterans Administration Center, rapidly is being converted to its new status as a general medical hospital and home, according to G. W. Stephens, manager.

In Washington today, Senator Arthur Capper said he had just been notified that the change had been formally approved.

Original plans to make the institution exclusively a hospital for the treatment of neuropsychiatric patients have been changed, and only about 350 of such patients will remain here under the new setup. More than 300 of those formerly here have been transferred to the Winter army general hospital at Topeka. One building will continue to be used for neuropsychiatric patients.

About 700 ex-servicemen, most of them veterans of World War I, who were transferred to other army institutions early in the war years, have returned and will continue to reside here. They spent the war

years at Dayton, O., Milwaukee, Biloxi, Miss., Battle Mountain, S. D., and Ft. Washington, Md.

About 800 general medical patients have been sent here and the tuberculosis ward has about sixty others, Stephens said.

Under the new setup the hospital has 1,017 beds for general medical cases, and can accommodate a maximum of 1,025 resident war veterans. No new buildings are contemplated at present.

HIS FATHER AIDED BOOTH.

Son of Dr. Samuel A. Mudd Dies in Annapolis.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 23. (AP)—Edward J. Mudd, 74, son of Dr. Samuel A. Mudd who set the broken leg of John Wilkes Booth and unwittingly aided the assassin of President Lincoln to escape, died here yesterday. He was a retired District of Columbia policeman.

CORRECTION

These items were priced incorrectly in our ad in today's Times. They should have been

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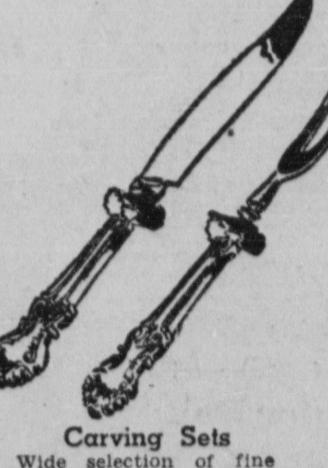
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 <p>Initial Rings Heavy, fine quality 10k gold rings with genuine black onyx. With initials, with initials, priced from</p> <p>\$21.50</p>	 <p>17-jewel Bulova, distinctive, guaranteed accurate, newest designed case. \$52</p>	 <p>Pine quality lady's watch, 14k gold case, guaranteed 17-jewel movement. \$50</p>	 <p>6½-jewel Man's Elgin, newest design, guaranteed accurate. \$47.50</p>
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SERENE IN GIN RUMMY

SHIFT FROM BRIDGE WILL EASE DIVORCE RUSH, SAYS ROSE.

The Current Popular Game Is a Matter of Luck and Thus a Boon to Marital Harmony.

By BILLY ROSE.

New York, Dec. 23.—I wouldn't be surprised if the shift from bridge to gin rummy lowered the divorce rate in this country. When two families make up a bridge foursome, it's usually Mr. and Mrs. against Mr. and Mrs. How skillfully Momma plays determines whether Poppa wins, and the other way round.

Bridge scraps have made hash out of many a marriage. A trumped ace is often responsible for the little woman feeling like a new man.

LOVE LOSSES AT BIDDING.

This happens all the time: During the day David calls Claudia every hour on the hour and blows kisses over the phone. That night they dine with the Joneses, and after coffee the bridge table is set up.

As usual, David's life-partner is his bridge-partner. They lose the first rubber because Claudia had one of her diamonds mixed in with the hearts. They lose the next rubber, and David cracks about her bidding being more pathological than psychological. By eleven, they're heavily in debt—dollar twenty including the cost of the cards.

On the way home there's not much talk. As they get to the house, David says, "Be careful getting out at the car, darling, or you'll break your confounded leg!"

EACH HAS THREE OPPONENTS.

Inside, the post-mortem begins:

David—How could anybody make seventeen errors playing thirteen cards?

Claudia—How would you have played the hand?

David—Under as assumed name!

Claudia—I didn't do so bad considering I had three people playing against me.

David (who has read George S. Kaufman)—I know you learned the game this afternoon—the question is, what time this afternoon?

Claudia—! ! !

LUCK IS BETTER NATURED.

She concludes the discussion by presenting David with a 24-piece dinner set, a piece at a time, and goes home to her lawyer.

Gin, on the other hand, is simple, mostly a matter of luck. It's getting to be as popular as Republicans. Divorce is so common nowadays, lots of people are burning their bridge tables behind them and switching to gin.

They want to stay married, just to be different.

IDENTITIES THE HESSE GEMS.

Princess Sophie Appears at the Duran Trial.

FRANKFURT, Germany, Dec. 23. (AP)—Princess Sophie of Hesse today identified gems on display at the court-martial of Col. Jack W. Durant, 37, of Chicago and Washington, as from the 1½ million dollar Kronberg castle collection which Durant is accused of stealing.

Princess Sophie identified various items as the property of Princess Maria Alexandria of Hesse and of Prince August Wilhelm of Prussia.

The court session was marked by frequent clashes between Maj. Joseph S. Robinson, of New York City, the prosecutor, and Capt. Glenn V. Brumbaugh, of Los Angeles, defense attorney.

Brumbaugh objected frequently to prosecution procedure in identifying the gems before they had been placed in evidence, and Robinson argued that Brumbaugh, with constant objections was delaying the case.

A MEXICAN YULE FIESTA.

Songs and Dances Are Features of Club Inter-American Party.

A program of Latin-American songs and dances and a traditional game, Pinata, were features Saturday night of a Christmas fiesta held at the Guadalupe center. The Club Inter-American was host to 125 persons, including representatives of seven Latin-American countries. A Mexican dinner was served. Speakers included Dr. Nicholas Jaime and Alfredo Ortiz-Vargas of the University of Kansas City.

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Little Stories for Bedtime

Farmer Brown Fools Peter Rabbit

By THORNTON W. BURGESS.

WHEN the snow is deep Peter Rabbit really has to work for a living. Perhaps this is a good thing. If he didn't he might grow too fat to keep out of the way of Reddy Fox. There are times when Peter has to eat whatever he can, and very often there isn't much of anything for him but the bark of young trees. It is at such times that Peter gets into mischief, for there is no bark he likes better than that of young fruit trees.

Now you know what happens when the bark is taken off all the way around the trunk of a tree. That tree dies. It dies for the simple reason that it is up the inner layer of bark that the life-giving sap travels in the spring and summer. Of course when a strip of bark has been taken off all the way around near the base of a tree the sap cannot go up and the tree must die.

Not far from the Old Orchard Farmer Brown had set out a young orchard. Peter knew all about the young orchard, for he had visited it many times in summer. Then there had been plenty of green clover and other green things to eat, and Peter had never been so much as tempted to sample the bark of those young trees. But now things were very different, and it was soon known that Peter knew what it was to have a full stomach. He kept thinking of that young orchard. He knew that if he were wise he would keep away from there. But the more he thought of it the more it seemed to him that he just must have some of that tender young bark. So just dusk one evening Peter started for the young orchard.

He got there in safety and his eyes sparkled as he hopped over to

the nearest young tree. But when he reached it Peter had a dreadful disappointment. All around the trunk of that young tree was wire netting. Peter couldn't get even a nibble of that bark. He tried the next tree with no better results. Then he hurried from tree to tree, but no taste of bark could he get. You see, Farmer Brown knew all about Peter's liking for the bark of young trees, and he had been wise enough to protect his young fruit trees.

Peter didn't give up until he had visited every tree. Then, too disappointed for words, he turned, and hopped lipperty-lipperty-lip over to the Old Orchard. As he passed a certain big apple tree he was startled by a voice.

"What's the matter, Peter?" said the voice. "You don't look happy."

PLANE PUTS FARMER IN CLO

Stratton, Neb. (UP)—More and more labor-saving devices are appearing on farms. But W. B. Hall and his son, Burdette, report one for the books. They seeded a 100-acre



HELD IN SLAYING OF TWO.

New York Man Says He Resented His Mother Marrying Again.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 23. (AP)—John T. Loe, 18, who told police he resented his mother's marriage to his stepfather, awaited arraignment today on a first degree murder charge in the slaying of the couple in their home.

Edward Collins, chief city detective, identified the victims as Vincenzo Leonardi, 60, and Mrs. Mary Leonardi, 46. Collins said they were shot at close range with a .22-caliber combination shotgun and rifle.

Collins said Loe walked into a precinct station last night and announced:

"I just shot my mother and father."

Collins quoted Loe as saying he resented his mother's marriage to Leonardi. They were wed six years ago, four years after the death of Loe's father.

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YULE PARTY FOR WORKERS.

Rothschild will sponsor a Christmas dinner and dance for employees tonight at the Hotel Continental. About 300 employees are expected to attend. The employees of the three outlying stores at Plaza and Brookside have also been invited. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rothschild will act as host and hostess.

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For the lovely lady on your list... Stone-cutter rayon crepe blouse designed by Adelaar and enhanced with luxurious lace-trimmed jabot and pretty push-up sleeves. In white, sizes 32 to 38.

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PORTAL FIGHT ON

U. S. Chamber of Commerce Starts Drive to Relieve Business of Pay Liabilities.

WANTS A CLEAR RULING

Referendum Carries Friday, Poll of 30,000 Firms Will Be Started Soon.

Washington, Dec. 23 (AP)—The United States Chamber of Commerce disclosed plans to day to marshal its 2,000 organizations behind a drive in Congress to relieve employers from possible crushing "portal-to-portal" pay liabilities dating back to 1938.

Spurred by the snowballing claims of workers in mass production industries for pay—at twice normal overtime rates—for travel and other nonproduction time not hitherto paid for, the chamber will submit a referendum Friday to its entire membership.

PLAN A COMPANY POLL.

These members in turn will poll some 30,000 companies on a series of proposed amendments to the fair labor standards act of 1938.

It is this act which makes the back-pay suits possible. It established a 44-hour week for the first year, a 42-hour week in the second year, then a 40-hour week after 1940 for employees engaged in producing goods for interstate commerce.

Earlier this year the Supreme Court—in a case involving 1,200 C. O. United Pottery Workers at Mt. Clemens, Mich.—held that employees are entitled to pay for time

spent preparing for their jobs on company property.

(This became known as the portal-



SANTA'S HELPERS IN CLASS—Thirty of Santa Claus's amateur, uniformed helpers will be more able to perform at churches and group parties this year because of a training course set up for them in Wilmington, Del. Here are some of them together, in costume, at a session at which they were taught some of the fine points of their roles by men more experienced at the happy chore—(Acme).

to-portal decision, because of the contract arrangement John L. Lewis won for his coal miners, covering pay for time spent in traveling from the pit

Leadership newer facilities—pride of family ownership. Newcastle's offers all this. Your Newcomer memorial entails no additional charge—Ad.

MISSOURI AMVETS TO MEET. St. Louis, Dec. 23 (AP)—The second annual state convention of the American Veterans of World War II will be held at Columbia February 8-9, state headquarters of the organization here has announced.

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have been invited to speak.

Following the 6-to-2 Supreme court decision in the Mt. Clemens case, unions have filed claims for upwards of 450 million dollars in behalf of employees thus far. And the end is far from in sight. Some estimates say a total of 6 billion dollars may be sought from employers under the court's interpretation of working time.

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A REPEAT HONOR

Babe Didrikson Zaharias Is Named Outstanding Woman Athlete for Third Time.

PAULINE BETZ SECOND

Ann Curtis Is Third and Louise Suggs Fourth in the Poll of Sports Writers.

PREVIOUS WINNERS.
1931—Helene Madison, swimming.
1932—Mildred (Babe) Didrikson, track.
1933—Helen Jacobs, tennis.
1934—Virginia Vassar, golf.
1935—Helen Wills Moody, tennis.
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1941—Betty Hicks Newell, golf.
1942—Gloria Galen, swimming.
1943—Patty Berg, golf.
1944—Louise Curtis, swimming.
1945—Mildred (Babe) Didrikson Zaharias, golf.

New York, Dec. 23 (AP)—Mrs. Mildred (Babe) Didrikson Zaharias, amateur champion of the nation's feminine golfers, was named the outstanding woman athlete of 1946 today, becoming the first star in the 16-year history of the annual associated press poll to win the honor three times.

The all-around athlete from Denver shares the 1946 sports spotlight with Glenn Davis, Army's 3-time All-American halfback, who was selected Saturday as the No. 1 male athlete of the year by a healthy margin over heavyweight boxing champion Joe Louis.

Mrs. Zaharias, who has confined her athletic talents to the fairways in recent years, was first named sports queen in 1932 for her achievements in track and field. Her golfing prowess carried her to the top of the list against last year, thirteen years later.

Gots 33 Votes First.

Among the fifty-eight sports writers who voted for the women in the 1946 poll, thirty-three of them cast first place ballots for the Colorado sharpshooter, who won the All-America women's open tournament this year as well as the women's national amateur title.

She was ranked first, second or third on all except four of the ballots, polling fifteen second place votes and six for third. On the usual basis of three points for a first place vote, two for second and one for third, she wound up with a total of 135 points, more than twice as many as her closest competitor.

Pauline Betz of Los Angeles, who reached the peak of her tennis career to win both the United States and Wimbledon championships, finished second in the voting with ten first place votes and a total of sixty-one points.

Ann Curtis of San Francisco, holder of the 400, 800 and 1,500-meter freestyle swimming titles, also drew ten first-place votes, but her total of 53 points left her in third place. She was named the No. 1 feminine athlete in 1944 and was runner-up to Mrs. Zaharias last year.

Louise Suggs of Lithia Springs, Ga., winner of both the Western amateur and Western open golf championships, was fourth on the list with 20 points.

Patty Berg Is Fifth.

Professional Patty Berg of Minneapolis, women's national open golf champ, finished in fifth place, a position she shared last year with Miss Betz. Miss Berg and Miss Suggs each drew one first-place vote and Miss Berg had 11 points.

Miss Berg won the athlete-of-the-year title in 1938 and 1943, while Alice Marble, former tennis queen, took it in 1939 and 1940. They are the only ones, besides Mrs. Zaharias, to win it more than once.

The leading women athletes, ranked on the basis of three points for a first place vote, two for second and one for third (first place votes in parentheses):

Mildred Didrikson Zaharias, golf (33), 135
Pauline Betz, tennis (10), 61
Ann Curtis, swimming (10), 53
Louise Suggs, 10, 53
Patty Berg, golf (1), 11

Others who received one or more points: Zee Ann Olsen (1) and Brenda Helsing, 5 each; Stella Walsh (1), 4; Mary McMillian (1), 3; Louise Brough, Gretchen Merrill and Grace Comiskey, 2 each; Betty Jameson, Sarah Cooke, Clair Born, Alline Banks and Mildred Burke, 1 each.

PLA-MORS IN A CLIMB.

Team Now Shares Third Place With St. Paul.

The revitalized Kansas City Pla-Mors bounded out of the U. S. Hockey league's northern division cellar into a third-place tie with St. Paul over the week end by breaking Omaha's old jinx and handing the Tulsa Oilers their worst defeat in two seasons.

The Pla-Mors shoveled nineteen goals into the net in trouncing Omaha 9 to 6 Saturday and Tulsa 10 to 2 last night. It was Kansas City's first victory over Omaha this season, although two games ended in ties.

Tulsa's Goalie Bud Lamarche made fifty stops in trying to hold the free-shooting Pla-Mors who had only twelve men in uniform because of injuries. Wingy Johnston and Butch McDonald each tallied twice in leading the assault on Tulsa.

In another league game last night, the Minneapolis Millers, paced by Leo Gasparini, Walter Melnyk and Tom Williams, grabbed a lead and protected it thoroughly in downing the Houston Skippers 5 to 2.

All teams are idle tonight.

FORT WORTH A WINNER.

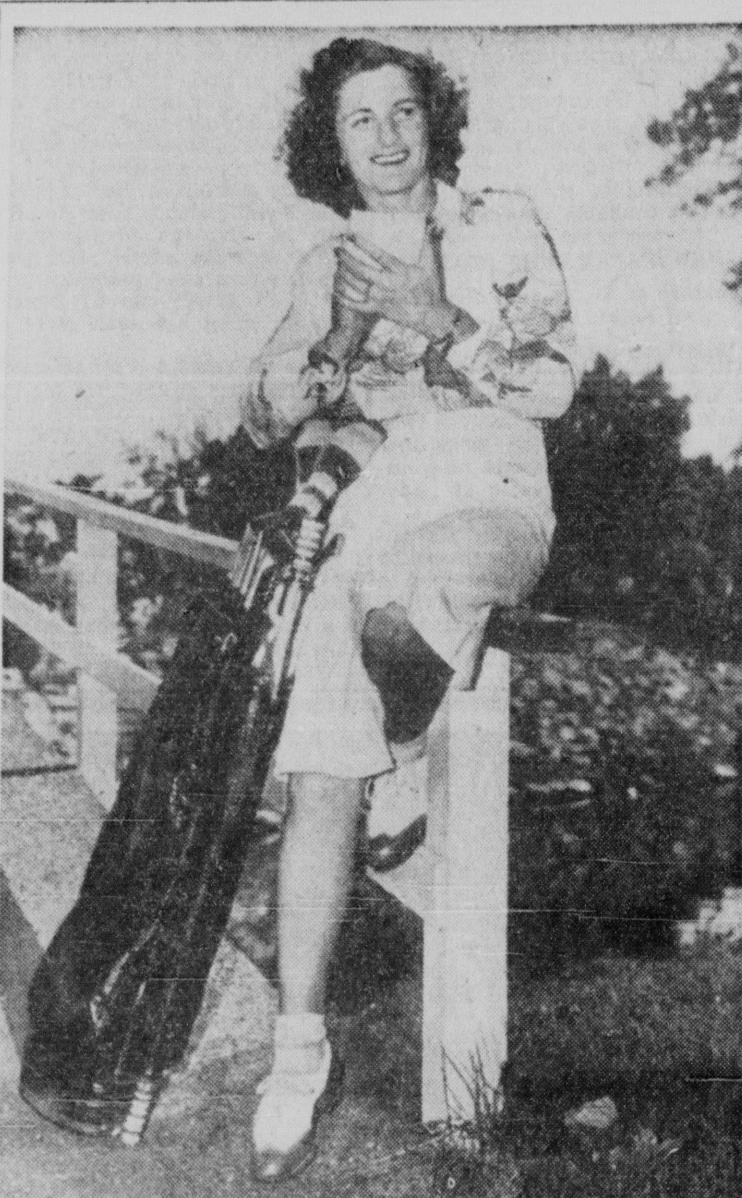
Dallas Is Beaten in U. S. Hockey Game, 1 to 4.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 23 (AP)—Fort Worth's Rangers broke back into the southern division U. S. Ice Hockey league victory column here last night, snapping a 7-game losing streak by trouncing the southern leaders from Dallas by a 4 to 1 score.

It was the first loss for Dallas in the last six games and its second setback in the last eleven games.

Paced by Vernon (Winky) Jones and Freddie Weaver, the Rangers took command in the first period with their initial tally and held a 1 to 0 lead through a scoreless second period and until midway of the third when they made it 2 to 0 and then the Texans got their only tally.

Buy Pennsylvania tires at Jack Witherspoon's, 2800 East 31st st.—Adv.



ENDS A WINNING YEAR

VICTORY OF CLEVELAND BROWNS OVER YANKEES IS FITTING.

The New All-American Conference Champion Fails to Place a Man on League All-Stars.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 23 (AP)—A team as well-rounded as a country haircut—the Cleveland Browns—possess the championship of the infant all-American football conference today.

On the frozen, snow-swept turf of the huge lakefront municipal stadium, the surprising protégés of youthful Paul E. Brown battled from behind yesterday to take the title in the East-West playoff with the New York Yankees by a 14 to 9 score before 40,469 fans.

On the short end of a 9 to 7 count with about four minutes to go, Automatic Otto Graham, former Northwestern all-American, fired a 16-yard touchdown pass through the New York Yankees by a 14 to 9 score before 40,469 fans.

The Browns didn't have an individual capable of winning a berth on the all-pro honorary team, but as a batch of rough and ready point-producing precisionists they were something new in the play-for-pay field.

BIG YEAR AT GATE.

Launching the season with seven straight wins, the Browns sagged for two losses in mid-season and then roared through six more victories to annex the western laurels, scoring 423 points to 137. Seven home games of the regular season attracted more than 400,000 fans, and just to illustrate their versatility the boys ran over Brooklyn in the final tilt by 66 to 14, with nine different men sharing the 9-touchdown avalanche.

But in yesterday's early going it looked as if the club might have climbed to the top of the ladder, only to be shoved off the top rung.

With the game less than three minutes old, Cleveland's Eddie Prokop intercepted one of Graham's passes and hoofed it sixteen yards to the Browns' thirty-four. Ace Parker's 16-yard pass to Jack Russell, and "Spec" Sanders' 14-yard run moved the ball to the four, where the Browns dug in and held for three downs, only to have Harvey Johnson boot a field goal.

Cleveland came back with an 80-yard march, reaching the Yankee two, but Graham was smothered for an 11-yard loss on four down and three. The Browns took over. After a Yankee punt, Lou (Golden Toe) Groza tried to even the count with a 52-yard placekick, but missed.

AN AERIAL ADVANCE.

In capturing the senior loop's batting crown for the second time in his 4-year major league career, Stan Musial, brilliant outfielder and first baseman of the world champion St. Louis Cardinals, all but made a clean sweep of the National league's batting honors in 1946, according to the official averages released yesterday.

KINER TOPS IN HOMERS.

Only in the matter of home runs was Musial surpassed by a rival.

Circuit hitting honors went to Ralph Kiner of Pittsburgh, who led the loop with 23 home runs. This gave Kiner the distinction of becoming the 26-year-old clout from Donora, Pa., compiled a percentage of .365, went to bat the most times 624; scored the most runs, 124; collected the most hits, 228; amassed the most total bases, 366; gathered the most singles, 142; the most doubles, 50, and the most triples, 20.

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The next time they got the ball, however, the Browns went eighty yards to score. Graham passed once to Edgar (Special Delivery) Jones, three times to Mac Speedie and once to Lavelli for a 68-yard total, and Marion Motley made it the rest of the way in two terrific thrusts at the line.

The Yanks soared back into the lead early in the third session, Parker and Sanders sparkling an 80-yard march which ended as Sanders batted his way over from the three. Johnson, who booted thirty-six straight conversions during the regular season, missed the extra point.

Motley came up with the game's best run, fifty-one yards on a trap play through guard, after the next kickoff, but again Groza missed a placement from the twenty, his third miscue of the game. Parker's ensuing punt was partly blocked, giving the Browns another placement chance to take over the lead, but Chet Adams failed from the thirty-six.

With time running out the Browns took a punt on their own twenty-four and started down the victory trail. Motley and Jones combined for a first down rushing, and Graham tossed a 24-yarder to Jones which the former Pittsburgh star picked off his shoestrings. A pass to Lavelli, and short jaunts by Jones and Tommy Colella put the ball on the sixteen, where Lavelli outfoxed his defender and snagged a bullet pass from Graham for the payoff points.

AN AMBITION AT 84.

Connie Mack Celebrates His Birthday With a Wish.

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 23 (UP)—Tall and poker-backed Cornelius McGillicuddy, better known as Connie Mack, celebrated his eighty-fourth birthday today by planning with all the enthusiasm of a rookie, his sixtieth year in organized baseball.

The one great desire of the president of the Philadelphia Athletics is to give fans of the Quaker City a good ball club next year. Mack ruefully admitted his Athletics have finished in last place too often since the club won its ninth American league pennant in 1931.

HOLD BOWLING TITLE.

Meister Braus of Chicago Defeat Milwaukee Team.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23 (AP)—The Chicago Meister Braus today still were the national team bowling champions after having turned back the challenge of the Milwaukee Clark Supplies by a margin of 137 pins in the 24-game match. The champions' pin total was 24,293 against 24,156 for the Milwaukeeans.

Although they lost the match and the \$1,000 stake, the visitors captured thirteen games and lost ten and rolled one tie.

WOULD FIGHT WOODCOCK.

Hatchetman Sheppard Is Ready to Meet British Champion.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP)—Curtis Sheppard, heavyweight contender, today offered to meet England's Bruce Woodcock and give his share of the purse to charity if he should fail to knock out the British empire heavyweight champion.

The Baltimore "Hatchetman," through his manager, Max Waxman, made the offer to Nat Rogers, matchmaker for Promoter Mike Jacobs' Twentieth Century S. C., and to Lew Burston, who represents Jack Solomons, British promoter.

The champ expects to wind up the junket in mid-March and then return to the U. S. if all goes well on the Latin American tour.

McCormick already has lined up exhibitions in Guatemala City, Guatemala; Managua, Nicaragua; San Jose, Costa Rica; Bogota or Cali, Colombia; Lima, Peru; Santiago, Chile; Buenos Aires, Argentina; Montevideo, Uruguay; Sao Paulo, and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Caracas, Venezuela, and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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HOGS SOAR \$1.50

Market Recovers to \$22.50 Top in Active Trade on a Light Supply.

CATTLE PRICES IN LAG

Receipts of Bovine Animals Are Heavy for a Christmas Holiday Week.

Soaring hog quotations were the price feature of the Kansas City livestock market today. An abnormally heavy supply for a Christmas holiday week was the feature of the cattle market.

All classes of livestock were in heavier supply than a year ago, but only sheep exceed the recent Monday average. Last week's price declines and the Christmas holiday influence cut cattle and hog receipts below the recent average.

Hog prices were mostly \$1.50 higher than at the close of last week, the government livestock office reported. Trade was active to all interests. Some sales were up \$1 to \$1.25. Some sales were up more than \$1.50.

Both packers and shippers paid the \$2.50 top, the highest since Tuesday of last week. This compared with the post-O.P.A. low of \$20.75 here last Thursday.

Bulk of the good and choice offerings from 170 pounds up brought \$22 to \$23.50. Most sows sold at \$19.25 to \$19.50, a few lightweights \$18.25.

Advances of \$1 to \$2 in fresh pork prices in eastern wholesale markets last week stimulated buying.

Stocker and feeder classes made up 50 per cent of the cattle receipts. Trade continued slow with steers quoted steady to weak and other replacements scarce and steady.

A moderate supply of beef steers sold slowly, but at mostly steady prices. Heifers and mixed yearlings remained fully steady. Cows were in liberal quota. Trade was slow. Top medium and good grades were rather scarce and held about steady. Lower grades were around 25 cents lower with some bids 50 cents off.

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Sunday (average)	367,434
Weekly Star (average)	420,887

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1946.

Can It Be "Purely Voluntary?"

It would be a most happy situation if labor and industry could settle their differences peacefully—without legal compulsion or government interference. This would be much nearer the American ideal of freedom and private initiative. The question now is whether the purely voluntary plan has failed and whether some modification of it is not demanded in the public interest.

Alarmed by the threat of restrictive legislation and public resentment over strikes, spokesmen for both labor and industry are now busy on a program designed to make the voluntary system work. Neither side wants compulsory arbitration. After a session in Washington representatives of both have announced their opposition to any "super machinery" for the handling of labor-industry disputes and have reaffirmed their faith in free collective bargaining. This joint session was an outgrowth of the President's labor-management conference of a year ago.

The statement of the two groups is followed by a declaration from Edgar L. Warren, conciliation director for the Labor department, that "the problem is one for labor and management to work out." He says "we've been making some real progress in the development of our purely voluntary procedures." Conciliator Warren is now selecting a panel of about 225 outstanding arbitrators and asserts that "publication of their names will encourage the use of voluntary arbitration as a substitute for work stoppages."

Let's hope so. The names will be out next month—just at the time that another round of higher wage demands from leading C. I. O. unions will be going strong. But equally strong just now is rather general skepticism that these disputes can or will be settled peacefully, no matter what big names may be listed as arbitrators by the conciliation service. Mr. Warren himself has fought some tough battles on voluntary arbitration and has lost a depressing number of them.

So it remains doubtful whether "purely voluntary procedures" will serve. Leading industrialists who favor those procedures are still convinced that new and more restrictive legislation is necessary to balance up the positions of labor and management under the law. Labor disagrees bitterly on this vital issue. Congress in its legislative program will have to take into account not only this basic clash but the large-scale failures of the voluntary system in the past.

Britain and Her Empire.

There probably is a large measure of truth in Winston Churchill's contention that the people of Burma would be better off with a few years of home rule as a British dominion before being given the opportunity to convert their country into an independent state. The successful operation of a democracy is admittedly a difficult business. And the Burmese, who as yet have had relatively little experience in self-government, might well profit from an intermediate period when they could still call upon the British for economic assistance and political advice.

The Labor government of Great Britain, however, has decided that the time has come to allow the leaders of Burma to choose for themselves between dominion status within the British Commonwealth of Nations and complete independence. That decision last week drew from the former wartime prime minister and present chief of the Conservative party his denunciation of the government for "appalling haste" with respect to Burma. Mr. Churchill then proceeded to arraign the Laborites for "scuttling" the British Empire and divesting Britain "of what has been gained by so many generations of toil, administration and sacrifice."

The government's answer was delivered in the House of Commons by Prime Minister Attlee. It seems destined to rank among the most significant declarations of British policy made in recent years. Mr. Attlee agreed at once that he, too, hoped the Burmese would elect to continue their association with Britain on a self-governing basis. But he added, "We do not desire to retain within the commonwealth and empire any unwilling peoples."

As for Mr. Churchill's criticism of ill-considered and precipitate action, looking to the destruction of the whole imperial heritage, the head of the British government replied that that O. M. W. had not been too fast, but "too slow," to recognize the aspirations of dependent peoples. No doubt, from the point of view of Mr. Churchill and all Britons reared in the Kipling tradition of the "white man's burden," this is little short of treason.

Yet there obviously are many other Britons today who believe that the nineteenth century ideals of imperialism, however enlightened they may have been for their time, no longer furnish safe guidance in the twentieth and that the future greatness of their country must depend not on the physical extent of its colonial territory but on the wisdom, boldness and determination of the British people in meeting the vastly different problems of tomorrow.

A Tut From the Teacher.

The boisterous spirits of American pupils have upset Miss Alice Elliott, a London teacher now spending a year on the faculty of a Pueblo, Colo., high school under an exchange arrangement. Miss Elliott, who left England to gain a better understanding of this country's people and customs, simply doesn't approve of our children's behavior. During a 3-month acquaintance she has found her charges to be rude, noisy, ungovernable, lacking in "control and discipline" and full of "a juke box frenzy." A school hall session, the shocked Miss Elliott observes, reminds her of an evening "in a London beer garden."

This sort of criticism from a non-American source is bound to be unpleasantly jarring. Most parents would prefer having a home-grown schoolmarm tell

them that their offsprings' deportment isn't all it should be. Then the parents could talk over the complaints with their youngsters and demand immediate correction. But an unfavorable report on a whole schoolful of pupils by a British teacher can't very well be used as a guide to parental action. Its only value may be to help make clear the extent of the revolution in child development in the United States.

For our children undoubtedly have become far less restrained and more self-assertive than the juvenile populations of Great Britain and the other European nations. Certainly they are less reserved and more forward—at times even brashly so—than were American boys and girls of a generation or two ago. The stern tradition of keeping "young people" in the background, silent and repressed, has withered away in the last few decades. Progressive education and psychological methods of child-rearing are credited with hastening its decline. Unusually quiet and inhibited youngsters are regarded as poorly adjusted to their environment.

So we have come to view our children as "individuals" and "personalities." The British teacher was horrified by what we take for granted.

Apparently the lady didn't have much contact with the millions of high-spirited American troops who whooped things up in her homeland in a highly undisciplined manner before they crossed the channel to mop up on the Nazis. The English people as a whole frowned on these frolicsome antics at first but gradually were won over until they actually were saddened by the Yanks' departure from their island. And somehow we're rather confident that Miss Elliott will be unhappy when the time comes for telling her pupils good-bye after nine months more of exposure to their sometimes nerve-wearing but eventually winning ways.

THE Agriculture department says potato digging machines are just around the corner. But then the army was talking the same way about the electric potato peeler even before the war. But the kitchen police detail never heard of it.

ON THE RECORD.

For Christmas Amnesty
To Conscientious Objector

BY DOROTHY THOMPSON.

NOW that the second post-war Christmas is here, would it not be fitting to free American conscientious objectors from prison?

The Allied governments went to war against war. In Nuremberg they have tried German Nazis for the crime of resorting to aggressive war as an instrument of national policy. The speeches made in the United Nations security council and general assembly have repeated, over and over, charges and countercharges that this or that nation or regime is a "threat to the peace." In all the world there is no statesman who would dare praise war. All agree, or pretend to agree, that war is the world's greatest evil.

Then why do we keep locked up in jail or deprived of civil liberties some 6,000 Americans who have proved, more decisively than any others, that they agree with this "conscience of mankind"?

These men even did not believe in going to war against war, or that peace can be promoted by what to their minds, is organized murder. They refused to serve in the American as others refused to serve in the British and French forces. I did not agree with them. I never have believed that individual pacifism will stop war.

Yet, I am glad they exist. I did not find it unjust to constrain them during war. For one believes in anything as passionately as they, it is right and fitting that they should suffer for their beliefs as did the brave young men who ideologically offered their lives on the field of battle suffered for theirs. It is well they exist. For no one can deny that if statesmen and leaders everywhere believed as they do, all war would end—international war, industrial war, civil war.

The conscientious objector is a peculiar phenomenon of free societies. Their attitude toward him, however reluctant, is one of concession to something in their own consciences. In time of conflict conscientious objectors are profoundly embarrassing and in war's routine are pushed aside, shut up, in one way or another. But they are not shot as traitors, nor treated as totalitarian states treat objectors to anything, for free social orders are free precisely because they do not totally claim the bodies, minds and souls of their people. Even in a life and death struggle to which an entire nation is committed, free men recognize that this or that one of them who says, "No, I will have no part in this thing," may conceivably prove right on longer view; and though he becomes temporarily outcast, something still whispers: His time may yet come.

Just why, however, in time of peace, and praise of peace, those who believe in peace at any price should still be treated as prisoners of war, is confounding. I should think it would be a good idea to pull them out of their prisons, everywhere, and send them to make the peace. For they actually believe that all the swords should be beaten into ploughshares. They would not talk of "limitations" of armament, but of universal total disarmament.

This is, of course, fantastic and it will not be done because states, who must make and maintain peace, are, by their origin and nature, instruments of force. Peace, too, rests on force and peace and war are but two faces of the same humanity and dilemma.

But humanity, being what it is, cannot afford to exclude from itself those who represent—whether humanity acknowledges it or not—that spirit which it sincerely worships and openly affronts.

To understand the paradoxical attitude toward peace would perhaps lead us into research on the question of why western man, the greatest beast of prey ever let loose on this globe, worships Jesus of Nazareth. The great split in the western mind is that while it has produced the warrior as a type and ideal in social and economic life as well as in international relations; while it can only imagine supplanting war between states by war between classes, it still celebrates in its loftiest moments Him who still in its loftiest moments gives this reason for VA's success:

"VA's medical care is now in the hands of the hands of the medical profession. In the old VA it was in the hands of laymen."

RIGHT DOWN HIS ALLEY?



MEDICAL CARE FOR VETERANS HAS MADE GREAT GAINS SINCE DOCTORS TOOK OVER

Operating 110 Hospitals With Beds for 85,000 Patients, the Veterans Administration Has Hired 3,200 Full-Time Physicians and Thousands of Consultants in the Last Nine Months—New Facilities Are Being Placed Near Schools of Medicine.

BY ROWLAND EVANS, JR.

WASHINGTON (AP)—"The Modern Miracle of Medicine" is what a committee of top-flight medical men called to President Truman, called the medical setup in the Veterans administration.

A year ago the VA's department of medicine and surgery was established by special act of Congress. Dr. Paul R. Hawley, former army chief surgeon in the European theater, heads the department. Dr. Paul Magnuson, formerly of Northwestern university medical school, one of Hawley's top aids, gives this reason for VA's success:

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Medical Leaders Give Time.

Dr. Magnuson, Dr. Karl Menninger, founder of the Menninger psychiatric clinic, Topeka; Dr. Donald Covait, former chief of army air forces rehabilitation; Dr. Roscoe J. Miller, former dean of Northwestern medical school, and Dr. Daniel Blain, one of the nation's leading psychiatrists, are a few of the medical brains who a year ago fashioned the framework of the VA medical program. Today they are working hard toward its completion. They and others like them have sacrificed lucrative private practices to throw their weight behind the vast program.

To carry out his program, Hawley needed two things: New hospitals, and competent doctors and nurses to staff them. Some 772 million dollars has been appropriated for construction. That was to build twenty-eight of which are surplus army and navy hospitals under temporary VA operation. These 110 hospitals care for more than 85,000 patients. Another 12,000 veterans reside in twelve VA domiciliary homes, and 6,000 in federal and army and navy hospitals.

VA has hired 3,200 full-time doctors and many more part-time consultants in the last nine months. Improved pay is attracting more doctors and nurses, but even so the enormous patient load occupies every one VA can get.

VA now has 110 hospitals in use, twenty-eight of which are surplus army and navy hospitals under temporary VA operation. These 110 hospitals care for more than 85,000 patients. Another 12,000 veterans reside in twelve VA domiciliary homes, and 6,000 in federal and army and navy hospitals.

In charge of the teaching are top-flight medical school professors working for the VA as part-time consultants. The program is expected to attract skilled young medics to VA hospitals and thus to increase the number of accredited specialists on duty there.

Today some part-time consultants travel as far as 300 miles to get to the VA hospital where they supervise the training of resident doctors. It is this co-operation of private medicine that has made the present VA set-up possible. Consultants could spend their time more lucratively, Hawley hopes that building new hospitals closer to medical schools will make this lengthy teaching unnecessary.

Building hospitals and obtaining good doctors are two phases of the program. A third is shunting as many service-connected cases as possible to civilian hospitals.

Private Physicians Help.

VA has signed contracts with twenty-five state medical and hospital associations. Veterans in those states who have service-connected disabilities can get treatment from any doctor or hospital belonging to the medical society in their state, provided they have prior VA approval.

The same holds true for dental treatment. Prescriptions, too, may now be filled by private drugists if they are needed for service-connected disabilities.

As private medicine is almost as much a part of this program as our own VA medical service. The net result will be better medical care for more patients."

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HORSES FOR POLAND.

Gylden—The American steamer Boulder Victory unloaded a cargo of 786 horses here from Savannah, Ga., part of an UNRRA shipment purchased privately by American Poles as individual gifts to Polish farmers.

His venture, Mr. Ellison emphasized, will be an up-to-the-month popular product, its name changing with the years.

If the British Broadcasting company, as indicated by recent tests, is put to people to sleep by television hypnosis, a nasty threat of technological unemployment hangs over the B. B. C. comedians who have been in charge of anaesthesia hitherto.

BILL VAUGHAN.

and wait for the day big business sees fit to let the cost of living come down. That is wonderful dreaming from the standpoint of business, but it isn't likely to happen. Labor will match, spiral for spiral. It would be short-sighted, indeed, if it did not.

W. E. Dreher,
905 Ewing avenue.

New Magazine '47
A Writer's Dream

BY JUDITH KLEIN.

THE new year will bring forth a magazine slated to be the creative artist's pipe-dream of a publication put forth by himself and his fellows, without advertising, without crassly commercial business managers and "powers that be."

The February issue of '47 will be out next month. It is published by Associated Magazine Contributors, Inc., self-described as "a publishing house owned by writers, artists and photographers." The magazine's 340 owners, outstanding names in literary and artistic circles, have pooled their money and their talent, investing between \$500 and \$5,000 each.

Professional writers and artists long have yearned for creative freedom, but James Ellison, editor and publisher, of '47, is confident that his will be the first such venture to get out of the "nice idea" stage. He recalled in an interview in his office, 68 West Forty-fifth street, last week that William Makepeace Thackeray had nursed a similar project through the blue print phase in 1840. But realizing that, should his proposed magazine fail, he alone would be responsible for its finances, Thackeray had stuck to his novels and lectures and let the dream ride.

A freelance writer and editor, Mr. Ellison took hold of the dream when he returned from overseas service with the OWI in the spring of 1943.

"I picked a list of 200 writers," he recalled. "I took novelists from John Steinbeck to Christopher Morley, commentators to Wardell Lippmann, writers from Vardis Fisher to Elery Queen. I asked if they would be interested in such a co-operative. Ordinarily, a 5 per cent response to mailing queries is good. I hit 43 per cent, got eighty-six replies.

"Then I slammed down on them. They were interested. Okay, I asked, would they back it up with cash and would they do some work for it? By December, 1945, we were incorporated; by February 1, 1946, we opened up our office, and on November 14 stopped selling stock."

Each stockholder, regardless of his investment, has only one vote. The business manager is responsible to the board of directors, which includes John Hersey, also president of the corporation; Christopher LaFarge, Robert St. John, Clinton Fadiman, Elmer Davis and George Bidle. With a minimum national subscription of \$18.00, Mr. Ellison declared, the pocket-size magazine, at 35 cents a copy, will not only be a success but also give the reader his money's worth. Fiction, nonfiction, reporting, shorts, biographies and news summaries will be interspersed with photographs, reproductions of paintings, cartoons and sketches. "We are aiming," he says, "for a mass, rather than class, readership."

"I will carry no ads. The recent defection of the newspaper PM from a no-advertising policy left Mr. Ellison unperturbed. The magazine's competitors, Reader's Digest and Coronet, with respectively 11 million and 4 million circulation, he pointed out, carry no advertising. The magazine's intellectual level, Mr. Ellison continued, will be a cross between that of the New Yorker and Time. '47 will be open to all aspiring authors and artists, be they stockholders or not. Every manuscript, Mr. Ellison said, will be considered solely on a basis of quality.

All contributors, whether stockholders or not, will receive the same payment and '47 will reward them in several ways. First there will be an on-acceptance payment of 10 cents a word for prose, \$50 a page for art. Second, there will be an annual division to all contributors according to their space of a contributors' fund, which will consist of one-third of all profits before taxes. Stockholders will, of course, receive dividends on the remaining profits.

His venture, Mr. Ellison emphasized, will be an up-to-the-month popular product, its name changing with the years.

The district attorney has appointed four able young lawyers as his assistants, but it seems something of a waste.

A FRENCH MOVE IRKS

GENERAL CLAY BRANDS CUSTOMS FRONTIER ON SAAR.

Sudden Posting of Agents on Borders Is Treated as "Entirely Unilateral Action" by the U. S. Deputy.

BERLIN, Dec. 23 (AP)—Lieut. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, deputy American military governor, expressed annoyance today at what he called the "entirely unilateral action" of the French in separating the Saar from the remainder of Germany with a customs frontier.

Lieut. Gen. Joseph Pierre Koenig, French military governor, placed 1,200 customs officials on the boundaries of the rich coal region yesterday to "prevent the exporting of food products from the Saar and an influx of currency into the Saar."

Clay said the matter had not been presented to the Allied control council. Other American officials said privately the French had made a single-handed move to gain a settlement of French demands regarding the Saar, outside the 4-power controls.

The French are believed to desire at least a customs union with the Saar, its close economic integration with France and its separation from Germany in some fashion.

Clay said the Americans learned about the French intention only a few hours before Koenig posted his customs officials. Clay said he would report to Washington.

The British and Russian occupation zones extended their inter-zonal trade quotas until next April 1 in a "stop gap" agreement announced Sunday. The Russians were committed to supply 10,000 tons of grain a month and the British agreed to furnish 25,000 tons of iron.

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WASHINGTON ON REVIEW

By DUKE SHOOP.

(The Star's Washington Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Donald Richberg, nationally known labor lawyer, co-author of the railway labor act and successor to General Hugh Johnson as administrator of the NRA, enjoys writing music and poetry as a sideline. Every Christmas eve the Richbergs entertain their friends at a merry-making and toasting affair. This year's invitation in verse, composed by the host, shows that the one-time friend of labor can make jest of the labor czars he once befriended.

The Richberg invitation:

Come the time for Christmas greetings—
If the printers do not strike.
Happy Times of long-planned meetings—
If no pickets on the pike.
We shall gather 'round our fires—
If we have new led them burn,
Gossy gaily on the wires—
If the phone girls don't adjourn.

Homes will all be brightly lighted—
If it pleases C. I. O.;
Food and drink for guests invited—
If the teamsters don't say: "No."
There'll be music, songs and dancing—
If that's what Petello likes.
Peace on earth will be entrancing—
If there aren't a lot of strikes.

So again we plan a party
Christmas Eve to celebrate,
Send the invitations hearty.
Though we know we're tempting fate,
For we haven't had permission
From the boys who run the show
And who hand down the decision—
What we do and where we go.

We can only hope the "brothers,"
Thinking of the common good,
Will be kinder to the others,
In the larger brotherhood.

REDS PUSH HOME OWNERSHIP, man, for the purpose of building their own houses.

Loans This Year Total 282 Million Dollars for Building.

Moscow, Dec. 23 (AP)—Russia's post-war own-home movement progressed this year with loans totaling 1½ billion rubles (\$22 million dollars at official exchange) announced by the state for city dwellers, chiefly former service-

A COME-ON IN BINGO

SMOOTH GAMBLING HALL OWNERS KEEP WIVES OCCUPIED.

Numbers Game Is Offered Them While Husbands Are Losing Their Shirts in Back Room on Poker and Dice.

By HAL BOYLE.

Across the River From Cincinnati, Dec. 23 (AP)—The little old lady in the black hat sat alone at the table.

She seemed out of place in this dim-lit "night club" that would have confused immeasurably one of the picturesque gamblers who "cut the kydars" on the old river steamers.

For in those halcyon days gambling was strictly a man's diversion.

Now, however, the new illegal gambling emporiums clustered in Northern Kentucky have cozy attractions designed to take dollars from every member of the family strong enough to work a slot machine lever. Women with walking children are welcome.

Here money-happy people from four states—Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois—gather to gamble to their heart's desire. They have created a multi-million-dollar "easy money" market for shrewd mobsters from Detroit and Chicago.

—neat, polite, hard-eyed men with silk voices and silk neckties who have turned a state and local crime into a big business operation.

ROWS OF MACHINES.

Their "night clubs" and "country clubs" serve good high-priced meals, they have top floor shows and dance bands to entertain the guests, well-stocked bars and batteries of nickel 50-cent slot machines.

And in a room off the bar, dice game, roulette, and blackjack run wide open. The chips go up to \$10. The husband of the little lady in the black hat was in the "big

money" room. But the thoughtful management of this department store-gambling den wasn't neglecting her. No, her turn was coming.

She waited patiently in the dining room, smiling vaguely when the audience roared at the comedian's off-color jokes—jokes she never understood.

When the lights came up, however, men passed through the room selling bingo boards. Her eyes lighted up. She pulled a dollar from her small black purse and bought a board.

HER TURN TO GAMBLE.

This was what she had been waiting for, the game the owners thought up to pacify the wives.

A tall pleasant-voiced young man climbed to the stage and began rattling a wire cage and calling the number markers as they came out.

The faded cheeks of the little old lady reddened as she earnestly covered the number on her board. Several \$25 prizes were won by others. Near the close of numbers calling for the \$300 prize, she was close to winning. She became excited. Her black hat slid to one side of her white hair. She had only one number to make, when someone yelled "bingo!"

The old lady sighed in disappointment. But she had had a good time. She sipped a little water, got up and went out to collect her husband, her face smiling with the memory of the money she had almost won. Armed in her last century innocence, she had no idea that she and the scores of other wives in the room were nothing.

The brewery spokesman told a reporter. "We just don't have it to give these days."

The internal revenue report showed that tax-free withdrawals of beer "consumed on brewery premises" from July 1 to November 1 this year, totaled only 83,243 barrels of thirty-one gallons each. That was 6,477 barrels less than in the same period last year.

Total production of beer for the 4-month period amounted to 30,612,629 barrels—a drop of 1,601,425 from the same months of 1945.

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Vertical.

1—Soap-making substance.

2—Roman bronze.

3—To tread heavily.

4—To shave.

5—Eggs.

6—Departed.

7—England and Denmark.

8—On the summit.

9—Network.

10—Contributed to a cause.

11—Medals.

12—Slosh.

13—Taper ruler.

14—Case for small articles.

15—Motives.

16—Sign of the times.

17—Arctic treeless plain.

18—End of scale.

19—Tree trunk artery.

20—War.

21—Affirm confidently.

22—To throw.

23—Ditch.

24—Limited by time.

25—Colloquial.

26—Pronoun.

27—Statute.

28—Convened.

29—Poetic night.

30—Fall.

31—Symbol for gold.

32—Fresh-water fish.

33—Epoch.

34—Cognomen.

35—To equip.

Horizontal.

Answer to Yesterday's Puzzle.

1—Final.

2—To pack.

3—Vehicle.

4—Period of time.

5—Wax bees.

6—Consumed.

7—To flee.

8—Negative.

9—Ditch.

10—(Latin).

11—Colloquial.

12—Pronoun.

13—Statute.

14—Convened.

15—Poetic night.

16—Fall.

17—Symbol for gold.

18—Fresh-water fish.

19—Cognomen.

20—To equip.

Solution will be in The Star tomorrow.

more but "come-on girls" for the management.

IT KEEPS THEM BUSY.

The house probably doesn't make a penny off the bingo," a Cincinnati friend told me, "but it keeps the ladies occupied while their husbands are betting their shirts off in the other room."

He said the suckers got an even break only twice a year—"during grand jury week." Gambling takes a holiday while the grand jury is in session, he said.

We paused to talk to the head

"night club" business may be falling off in New York and Chicago," he said, "but we got all the customers we can handle."

As we left I noticed one man, eight women and a boy of about 12 lined up before a row of slot machines, studying the whirling arithmetic lessons.

"Looky, Mom, I just won six dimes!" called the little fellow.

ANGLO-AMERICAN POETS HIT.

Moscow, Dec. 23 (AP)—The Soviet Literary Gazette today described as "bankrupt" the poetry published in the United States and England during the war. "A confusion of solitude and deep indifference to the surrounding world" were the only two emotions reflected in the bulk of British and American verse, the critique said.

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GUAM GOVERNOR IN TOKYO.

Tokyo, Dec. 23 (AP)—Rear Admiral Charles Pownall, governor of

Guam and commander of the Marianas Islands, arrived by air today for conferences with army and navy officials.

VENEZUELAN REBELS ACTIVE

CARACAS, VENEZUELA, Dec. 23 (AP)

—Reports from Western Venezuela indicated today that remnants of the rebels who staged an abortive revolt against the Betancourt government twelve days ago still are active in that area. Dispatches from Valera said yesterday that insurgents had invaded the city airport Saturday but were repelled by government troops.

AIR LIEUTENANT KILLED.

OKINAWA, Dec. 23 (AP)—Lieut.

George Bradford McGowan, son of Mrs. Doris McGowan of Tacoma Park, Md., was killed December 18 when his P-47 fighter plane crashed during a training flight, the air corps announced today.

CHILDREN DIE IN FIRE.

VERNON, CALIF., Dec. 23 (AP)—Jack Blea, 3, and his sister, Betty Joan, 6, were burned to death yesterday by a fire that swept through the house in which they were asleep alone. Their father, Eloy L. Blea, was at work.

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